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WARD NURSES BELOW TARGET

BY NICK HUMPHREYS

NEARLY a third of all wards at New Cross and Cannock Chase Hospitals did not have enough nurses last year, new figures have revealed.

Health chiefs have a national target of 80 per cent nurse staffing across inpatient wards but data shows 33 per cent of wards at the Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust dipped below that level on average each month.

In January and February last year, 42 per cent of wards were understaffed for nurses and health care assistants.

The figure dropped to 37 per cent in March, and improved to 27 per cent in June.

But July and August were tough months again, with 35 per cent and 36 per cent of wards understaffed in the two hospitals.

For the last two months of 2016, 29 per cent of wards were understaffed.

The main gaps in the rotas were for registered nurse night shifts.

In January and February, there were 16 wards understaffed for night nurses, and for November and December, 13 wards had less staff than the national target.

Overseas

To try to ease the staffing crisis, the trust is looking to recruit more overseas nurses, and is also taking part in a pilot scheme to train healthcare assistants to become nursing associates.

The two-year qualification can then be topped up with an additional 18-month course, after which workers would become fully-qualified registered nurses.

By the end of February, 16 trainee nurses are expected to join the trust, with a further 13 expected later in the year.

Altogether, the trust had 67 new recruits in the nursing department in December, with 34 people leaving, including 26 registered nurses.

Cheryl Etches, chief nursing officer for the trust, believes that improvements are being made and said that plans are in place to help further ease the pressure.

She said: "If you compare November and December to January and February, the number has come down so we are having a positive impact in recruiting staff to the Royal Wolverhampton Hospitals Trust. It is coming down steadily. Our attentions are now turning to retaining staff. We have a number of avenues that we're exploring at the moment."

She added: "The nursing associate pilot projects is one of the things that we're involved in to develop staff who have the desire and potential to go on to be regulated nurses.

"We are still recruiting overseas nurses.

"In some cases we may move people around the hospital to where resources are needed the most."

VISITORS FLOCK TO MUSEUM FOR BIRDWATCH

Alan Peace from the World Owl Trust with Indie the owl at the Birds of Hednesford Hills event at the Museum of Cannock Chase

TWITCHERS young and old flocked to the Museum of Cannock Chase for a UK-wide wildlife initiative.

Visitors took part in the annual Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) Big Garden Birdwatch.

The birdwatch is the world's largest garden wildlife survey and is now in its 38th year.

Eagle-eyed families joined more than half a million people taking part in related events across the UK. From Gentleshaw Wildlife Centre and Brewood Bird Ringers to The World Owl Trust, a host of organisations were on hand to provide expert knowledge on the birds of Hednesford Hills.

Carol Moorcroft, operational support officer for the museum, said: "We had around 250 visitors that came along, which was really good to see. And different groups attended, to showcase birds of prey to the visitors.

"There were activities for the children who made bird arts and crafts and bird feeders. The event coincides with the Big Garden Birdwatch and we get involved every year. We were really pleased with how it went."

Daniel Hayhow, RSPB conservation scientist, said: "With over half a million people now regularly taking part, coupled with over 30 years' worth of data, Big Garden Birdwatch allows us to monitor trends and helps us understand how birds are doing.

"With results from so many gardens, we are able to create a 'snapshot' of the birds visiting at this time of year across the UK."

Brewood Rangers held a bird ringing demonstration and children made bird and nature crafts to take home. As part of the Big Garden Birdwatch, members of the public are asked to spend one hour watching and recording the birds in their garden or a public space, sending their results to the RSPB.

More than half a million people counted more than eight million birds in 2016 – and although figures have not yet been revealed, even more are expected to have spotted this year. For the first time, this year the birdwatch took place on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, giving workers the opportunity to participate from their workplace.

The results will be published next month. Go to www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch

COUNTRYSIDE

Meeting to discuss future of woodland

RESIDENTS of Rawnsley, Prospect Village, Hazel Slade and Cannock Wood are being invited to an event to consider adopting a woodland covered by Staffordshire County Council's Countryside Estate review.

Countryside campaigners Paul Woodhead and Stuart Crabtree have organised the meeting with a view to forming a group to adopt Sevens Road Woodland near Prospect Village as a community asset.

The event on Monday, February 6, at 5.30pm will be held at Prospect Village Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend. For details call 07930 120077 or 07528 885322.

RETAIL

Date set for launch of The Range store

THE Range has announced it is opening its new store in Cannock in April.

The branch will be on Walsall Road at the site of the old NCF Furniture and will open its doors on Good Friday – April 14 – at 9am.

The Range sells products including DIY, arts and crafts, homeware and furniture. The new store in Cannock will also include a café.

It will provide 80 jobs, from store to department managers and warehouse assistants to retail administrators.

CRIME

Jewellery stolen in raids on same night

BURGLARS broke into two homes in Rugeley on the same night and stole jewellery.

At Old Eaton Road offenders reached through the cat flap to get keys to the back door to steal cash, jewellery and electrical items. Jewellery and electrical items were also stolen from Wetherall Close when a conservatory window was prised open.

The incidents, on Saturday, happened between 7pm and 9pm and 5.30pm and 8.40pm respectively.

A red Honda 350cc quad bike was also stolen from farm premises in Stafford Brook Road, Rugeley, between 5pm on Saturday and 8am on Sunday.

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Cancer patient in 'life-changing' decision

Vicky Rogers – 'emotion'

A BURNTWOOD woman has told of a 'life-changing' decision she made in trying to cope with cancer.

Vicky Rogers, aged 46, has twice been diagnosed with breast cancer, the first time after just starting full-time as a family support worker. "I was happy and laid-back, living with my husband, daughters and two cats, she said.

"At that point, my world fell apart. I was so shocked, I didn't even cry.

"Life completely changed, I couldn't stop thinking about cancer and that I was going to die. I carried on working throughout chemo. After chemo, I had a lumpectomy, which was a whirlwind of emotion – I remember crying all the way to theatre. Afterwards, I was told the surgery was unsuccessful.

"I was knocked back because it meant I needed a mastectomy.

"After surgery and radiotherapy, life sort of went back to normal."

Then in March last year, Vicky was diagnosed in her lymph nodes and sternum. "That was when I changed my mindset. I took ill-health retirement and decided 'I am still here, I am going to enjoy every day and do lots of nice things – spend time with friends and family, and book holidays'." It was at that time she found out about Penny Brohn UK, a holistic cancer charity which runs courses in Stafford and Sutton Coldfield.

"I attended their Living Well course, to create time for me, so I could be with like-minded people," Vicky said.

"Getting the emotional support I needed was life-changing. It would have helped with my first diagnosis."

Vicky spoke out ahead of this Saturday's World Cancer Day and says 'being part of a group, supporting each other, was powerful after feeling so alone'.

4pc fall in number of county police officers

THERE were 74 fewer police officers in Staffordshire – a drop of 4.4 per cent – over the last year, new figures have revealed.

Official data from the Home Office shows there were 1,611 officers in the county in September – down from 1,685 a year earlier.

It represents the biggest drop in officer numbers across the West Midlands region.

The figures were released a week after it was revealed recorded crime in Staffordshire had rocketed by 14 per cent.

Staffordshire Police and Crime Commissioner Matthew Ellis said: "In Staffordshire we are seeing more police officers on the street.

"New technology is freeing up officers from being stuck behind desks, and we are stopping warranted officers from doing office-based jobs that can be done by civilians.

"I am increasing neighbourhood policing and other areas at the request of the force. The most important thing for me is the numbers who are out there on the street policing our communities."

Funding

In the county, there were three fewer police community support officers (PCSOs) – down from 230 to 227. Meanwhile, the number of police staff – civilian workers – declined by 71 to 1,037 workers, representing a 6.4 per cent drop.

The number of special constables – volunteer officers – decreased by 49, leaving 269 when the data was collected in September by the Office for National Statistics. Staffordshire Police is also set to lose £1.5 million from its government funding next year but Mr Ellis said it would not affect police numbers.

The force intends to recruit 80 officers to replace those who are retiring.

Throughout the region, there were 232 fewer officers across the four forces.

West Midlands had 163 fewer officers – a decrease of 2.3 per cent – leaving 6,880. West Mercia's officer numbers increased by seven to 2,093 – up 0.3 per cent. Warwickshire had two fewer officers, meaning it had a total of 853.

Nationally, there was a reduction in all roles across police forces. In September last year, there were 122,859 police officers – a decrease of 2.2 per cent.

Primary school is told it must improve

Norton Canes Primary School has been rated as 'requires improvement' by Ofsted

A CANNOCK primary school with 250 children has been told to improve by the education watchdog.

Norton Canes Primary Academy, in School Road, has been told its teaching is not consistent enough, and concerns were raised over the teaching of key subjects not being challenging enough.

The school has been rated 'requires improvement' overall by Ofsted. Its leadership, quality of teaching and outcomes for pupils were all rated 'requires improvement'. A report prepared after inspectors visited the school at the end of November said: "While there have been some improvements in teaching and learning, leaders and governors have not secured good progress in all subjects. Teaching is variable across the school and is not yet consistently good.

"Teachers do not use assessment information sufficiently well to match learning activities to pupils' needs. The work provided for some lower and middle-attaining pupils is not challenging enough in reading and mathematics. Despite some improvements to the teaching of reading in Key Stage 2, pupils are not helped to develop their reading skills quickly enough."

The school was rated good for its early years provision and personal development, with inspectors praising the 'wide range' of the curriculum and pupils' behaviour in lessons. The report said: "The early years provision is well led and managed. As a result, children make good progress from their starting points." No-one at the school was available for comment.

Councillors delighted at meeting waste target

COUNCILLORS say they are 'very proud' of Staffordshire's recycling performance – as figures for the Black Country are well below targets set by the Government for three years' time.

Staffordshire County Council recycled 50.3 per cent of household waste collected in 2015-16. The Government has set a 50 per cent target for household waste recycling by 2020.

Councillor Gill Heath, the county council's cabinet member for communities and the environment, said: "It is something we are very proud of, and we do take recycling very seriously.

"The more we recycle, the less will end up in landfill. We do promote recycling and have 14 recycling centres around Staffordshire, with a new one having opened up in Uttoxeter just before Christmas. We are not complacent though, and we will continue to do what we can to encourage recycling."

The figures, published by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, show Dudley as the worst performer in the Black Country, with 38.5 per cent of household waste recycled.

Councillor Hilary Bills, cabinet member for environmental services, said: "Those who do recycle in the borough do so really well. But we need to get the message out and put incentives to get other people recycling."

Dudley was followed by Wolverhampton, where 39.5 per cent of waste was recycled. In Sandwell, 40.9 per cent of waste collected was recycled, and in Walsall 41.7 per cent was recycled.

Talks on £10m revamp of town

COUNCILLORS are to get their first chance to run the rule over ambitions plans to transform Burntwood town centre.

Developers want to build a dozen shops and a drive-thru restaurant and install car parking spaces on the former Olaf Johnson next to Milestone Way.

The £10 million scheme was submitted to Lichfield District Council in December.

It will be put before the authority's planning committee on Monday, February 6.

No formal decision will be made while development officers have yet to make any recommendations on the plans.

But it will be the first opportunity for them to air their views before a formal report is drawn up.

Boogie-woogie man in Guildhall concert

STEVE 'Big Man' Clayton will be at Lichfield Guildhall on Saturday.

The boogie-woogie pianist will hit the ivories with his backing band The 44's. The concert starts at 8pm. Tickets can be booked at www.lichfieldarts.org.uk or by calling 01543 262223.

Five years in prison threat over 'legal highs'

THE possession of so-called legal highs now attracts sentences of up to five years in prison, police warn.

Anyone found in possession of popular drugs such spice or black mamba could face an unlimited fine, a jail term or both.

Under the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971, synthetic cannabinoids are Class B drugs treated as substances that are illegal to possess and supply.

Spice and black mamba have become infamous as easily purchased 'legal highs'.

But users can experience side-effects like anxiety, paranoia, mood swings, suicidal thoughts, chest pains, tremors, seizures and fits.

Some cases have led to the user going into coma-like states and in 2015 psychoactive substances like black mamba were involved in 204 deaths in the UK.

Det Sgt Chris Roberts from Staffordshire Police's integrated offender management unit, said: "Drugs like black mamba and spice are illegal to possess, illegal to supply and they are dangerous. Please do not think there are any exceptions. When so little is known about what makes up these drugs it just isn't worth the risk."

Anyone with information on the supply or distribution of drugs in the county can call 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

More information about the danger of these drugs, and more information about the law and implications of being caught using them is available from www.talktofrank.com

210 homes are given approval

AN initial thumbs-up has been given to a plan for 210 homes in Essington.

The move follows a residents' battle to stop a £36 million distribution super-hub being set up in the village.

Outline permission for the site, off Hobnock Road, was granted by South Staffordshire Council's planning committee. The scheme includes a convenience store, allotments and extra parking at St John's Primary School.

The council's housing policy is based on 175 new homes a year but the meeting was told this figure – already exceeded – may not reflect current need.

Earlier last month the council announced it wants to build 1,070 homes in the district, with Essington being earmarked for two travellers' sites.

Chance to learn badminton skills

SPORTS fanatics are being urged to play badminton in Staffordshire.

Penkridge Leisure Centre is inviting people to learn like professionals in sessions taking place in the coming weeks. Call in or ring 01785 714152.

12,000 fined by hospitals over parking

County Hospital in Stafford

MORE than 12,000 parking tickets have been handed out to visitors at two hospitals in Staffordshire – in one year.

New figures show the University Hospital of the North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM) issued 12,566 parking enforcement tickets at County Hospital in Stafford and Royal Stoke University Hospital during 2015-16.

With each fine costing drivers £50, the penalties came to £628,300 in 12 months. The number of appeals between the two hospitals reached 460 while 195 of them were approved. A study found that UHNM issued the second highest number of parking tickets in the UK behind Barts Health NHS Trust.

According to research by YourParkingSpace.co.uk, visitors were hit with £13.3 million in parking fines in the last year. Two in three appealed the hospital parking charge notices they were issued with and had them successfully overturned.

UHNM director Lorraine Whitehead said: "The trust's car parking policy was approved by a multi-disciplinary team, including staff-side representation, to ensure that parking arrangements were fair to all staff.

"The policy is fully compliant with all current legislation, the British Car Parking Association's best practice guidelines and NHS guidelines, and is designed to provide patients with best access to the hospital. There are ample designated on-site car parking facilities available for staff at UHNM and our surrounding sites.

"Tariffs for car parking are set to ensure the cost of maintaining this vital service does not impact on finances allocated for patient care."

Crime fears over cuts to drugs treatment

SIGNIFICANT job cuts, spikes in crime and suicides, centres in Cannock and Stafford to be axed and recovering alcoholics put at risk of relapse.

These are just some of the effects of 'unprecedented' multi-million pound cuts to drug and alcohol services in Staffordshire, which have sparked a 42,000-name petition.

Staffordshire County Council has admitted their proposed cuts of almost £4 million will have dramatic consequences as it is revealed there has been a surge in the number of high-risk referrals made to service staff over the last month.

A report prepared for this week's meeting of the Healthy Staffordshire select committee, prior to the plans being given the go-ahead at a later date, details concerns that the authority has regarding the cuts, which have been met with strong opposition since they were first announced.

An online petition has currently got more than 42,000 signatures.

The report reads: "Overall the reduced funding and consequent changes to service would increase the risk of crime, anti-social behaviour, child safeguarding cases, adult safeguarding cases, physical and mental ill health, self-harm, suicides and deaths.

Pressures

"The reduced budgets will lead to a significant reduction in staffing numbers within services – some staff have already left voluntarily, and it is highly likely that a considerable number of redundancies will be required.

"Many staff are people in recovery from drug and alcohol problems, and the pressures associated with the savings may increase their risk of relapse. There is no precedent that we are aware of, where drug and alcohol funding has been reduced at rates comparable to those required in Staffordshire. There is no risk-free option for making the required savings."

The report was put together by council stakeholders, with the authority saying their feedback is 'based on professional judgement, rather than empirical evidence', although 'the logic and consistency of the concerns does give them some credibility'.

It states that after April this year, an Access and Choice building in both Cannock and Stafford will no longer be used, while a recovery hub in Stafford will also cease to exist.

Landlord Oliver Westwood, Samantha Wright and Chris Hilton, of The Vine Inn, Rugeley, with the Camra award in their micro-brewery

The Vine grows into pub of season

A PUB is celebrating after collecting a major gong as the reputation for its micro-brewery soars.

The Vine Inn, in Sheep Fair, Rugeley, started brewing its own highly rated ales 18 months ago and has been given the Cannock Chase Camra (Campaign for Real Ale) award as Pub of the Season for winter 2016.

Landlord Oliver Westwood said: "We have made great strides in our beer.

"And we were really pleased to get the award.

"We have been here for 11 years but we have upped the amount of real ale recently."

The micro-brewery produces 1,000 litres of real ale a week and The Vine boasts its own English pale ale, a Vanilla Porter, a fizzy grapefruit India pale ale and a chocolate orange ale.

The Vanilla Porter won the pub another prize in November after Lichfield, Sutton and Tamworth CAMRA group gave it the LocAle of the Festival award at the Tamworth Beer Festival.

On future plans, Mr Westwood said he hopes to expand the micro-brewery.

He owns half the pub with his father David, aged 58.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Branch to shut as more bank online

LLOYDS Bank has confirmed it is shutting its branch in Penkridge due to dwindling customer numbers.

The Stone Cross outlet will shut on March 15 – one of 200 closures the bank is carrying out this year.

A spokeswoman said: "This branch has been identified for closure because of the changing way customers choose to bank with us. It is our aim to try and redeploy as many colleagues affected by this announcement, and who wish to remain with the business, into an alternative role within the bank."

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Company to take on more carers

HOME Instead Senior Care in Cannock has taken on a number of new caregivers – and is now looking to recruit more to meet growing demand.

The company, which provides care services in and around the Cannock Chase district for older people in their own homes, says its recruitment drive mirrors a national trend resulting from Britain's ageing population.

Fran Sayer, owner of Home Instead Cannock, is looking to hire 35 caregivers to add to the growing team in 2017. For details, call 01543 572349 or visit www.homeinstead.co.uk/cannock

Business leader praises 'milestone'

CHRIS PLANT, director of Cannock Chase's chamber of commerce, has hailed the Government's industrial strategy as a 'milestone'.

Theresa May has put forward a green paper proposing greater investment in transport, broadband and energy for a generation.

In response, Mr Plant said: "The developing Industrial Strategy represents a crucial first milestone in a renewed partnership between business and Government."

Speakeasy meeting is place to make friends

A CANNOCK church is to hold monthly meetings at which people can make new friends.

The Speakeasy sessions at St Stephen's Church in Bideford Way will be on the Wednesday before the mini-markets held on the second Saturday of the month. The first one is on Wednesday, February 8, at 2pm.

"There is no charge for the tea, coffee and biscuits served. Just come and provide the chat and laughter," spokesman Gordon Preece said.

Invitation to Sappers

THE Cannock branch of the Royal Engineers Association hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 7, at 8pm at The Drill Hall, in Walsall Road, Bridgtown. All Sappers, past and present, are welcome to attend. For further information about the branch, call 01543 423319.

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THE BEST OF PETER RHODES

THANKS for your favourite crossword clues. I particularly enjoyed the four-letter name for a sport, beginning with a T. It is, of course, golf.

A GROUP of Morris dancers in Essex are trying to recruit new members and say the pastime may appeal to eccentrics. And there's the problem. You cannot advertise for eccentrics because true eccentrics have no idea they are eccentric.

THANKS for your letters and emails on the subject of Morris dancers blacking-up and causing some offence. The vast majority were in support of an allegedly noble old English tradition (for which I can find very little hard evidence) and against "political correctness gone mad." I dare say the key question is this: since we became aware that blacking-up can cause offence, has the number of blacked-up Morris men decreased or increased?

A REPORT to Parliament reveals that some women are forced to wear high heels, make-up and revealing clothing by company workplace dress codes. This is clearly unfair. However, these issues tend to go off in all sorts of unexpected directions. How long before a woman wins the right to go to work in a nice, slouchy onesie and a comfortable pair of old Crocs, even if the workplace in question is the chorus line of Chicago.

PRINCE Charles says if weather reports contained climate-change news, people would be "more inclined to think about the longer term." Maybe. But it is a tad irritating, as a humble citizen living a fairly clean, green and low-impact existence, to be lectured from on high by a monarch-in-waiting who travels by limousine, plane or helicopter. Maybe such reports could include a running total of HRH's flights?

AN expert on broadcasting was singing the praises of digital on the Beeb, claiming that a modern DAB radio gives you access to hundreds of radio stations. Okay, but most of us listen not to hundreds or even dozens of stations but to one, or possibly two. In fact, the greatest techno-leap forward for people like me would be a network which guaranteed crystal-clear Radio 4 in the home, car and on public transport, 24/7. They haven't invented it yet.

SOME years ago we had a long-running thread on Swifties, those one-liners where the final word creates a joke, as in: "'Use your own toothbrush!' Tom bristled," or "'This is mutiny,' Bill exclaimed bountifully." The Museum of Curiosity (Radio 4) this week gave us what must be the ultimate Swifty: "'I have 1,760 yards of paddy fields,' he said with a wry smile."

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

'Outstanding' rating for 999 service

WEST Midlands Ambulance Service chiefs say they are 'incredibly proud' of their staff after the trust was rated 'outstanding' by the health watchdog.

The trust, responsible for 5.6 million people in an area cover 5,000 square miles, received the highest rating from the Care Quality Commission following the inspection from June 27 to July 1.Chief executive Anthony Marsh praised trust staff members who 'work so hard' for patients and fellow colleagues.

He said the trust was 'delighted' with the rating, which is the first time an ambulance service in England has been rated outstanding.

Inspectors said the trust was outstanding in terms of its effectiveness and care. It was also rated good for its safety, leadership and responsiveness. The service responds to 3,000 emergency 999 calls every day and sends out ambulances from more than 90 stations.

Mr Marsh said: "I am incredibly proud of my staff and the volunteers who support us." But he said he 'accepts the comments' made by the CQC relating to the need to improve.

"We have already implemented a number of improvements since the inspection and will continue to make further improvements so that we can improve their rating," he added. "We will continue to do everything possible to raise our standards further."

Sir Graham Meldrum, chairman of the ambulance service, said: "Despite the challenges faced by the NHS and the heavy demands placed upon the ambulance service, the trust will continue to focus on patient care."

57ft phone mast is to be put up at club

By Jordan Harris

A 57ft phone mast will be installed near Hednesford despite objections from planning officers.

The mast, which would have three antennae and a 10ft-wide dish, will be put in place at Cannock and Rugeley Cricket Club land in Littleworth Road to enhance 3G and 4G signals in the area.

It will be used by Vodafone and Telefonica, which say the Rawnsley, Littleworth and Prospect Village areas would benefit most.

Planning officers had recommended Cannock Chase Council's planning control committee to throw out the project due to concerns over perceived harm to the green belt, and three letters and a 151-name petition were received by the council in opposition.

Councillor Paul Snape, who represents the Cannock West ward, said that following a site visit carried out by the committee, he could see no reason why the plans should be refused.

Visual

He said: "We have been to the site today, and it is already home to a cricket club, so I don't see how this will be of any more detriment to the green belt land than that.

"It is a thin, tall mast that won't cause any harm to nearby residents in terms of visual impact. I think we should go with it."

A unanimous decision was made by the committee to go ahead with the plans.

A report compiled by planning officers stated that public opposition had been raised on the grounds that an area of outstanding natural beauty would become significantly reduced, as well as that it would be out of character for a residential area.

It was also argued that wildlife would be affected and that children would suffer as it would be built on a green space where they play.

Masts have caused controversy across the West Midlands in recent years, with protests in places including Wolverhampton and Smethwick.

Calls to end High Street flooding

Water lies on the road surface in Chasetown after a spell of rain this week

RESIDENTS and traders in Chasetown are demanding action to end the problem of flooding in High Street.

They have asked county council hopeful Steven Norman to put pressure on the authority to repair the road surface. Mr Norman said: "I have been asked to see if I can help to get potholes repaired and look at parking issues in the south and east of Burntwood and am now being asked to lend my support to this campaign.

"This has been a long-running problem that seems to have become even worse now as the water is lying there long after the rain has stopped.

"Vehicles avoid driving through it, and you can see pedestrians wary of walking near it, of course, but even on the other side it a hazard.

"Our local shopkeepers need all the help they can get these days, and this problem is only making it worse for them – especially the shops closest to the flood." The residents have also been supported by Darren Ennis, a member of ChasetownTown Council, who approached Mr Norman to help him as the flooding problem is a county council matter.

Mr Norman added that he has submitted a Freedom of Information Request to the county council to establish if they have plans to carry out any work to resolve the problem and if so when, and is asking residents to report the problem online, to keep the pressure up.

He has been asked by the local Labour party to seek election to the County Council for the Burntwood South division, which includes Chasetown, in May. He represented Chasetown and other areas from 1999 to 2009.

Plenty of seasonal cheer at Marston's

PUBS and breweries group Marston's has reported good trading over the Christmas and New Year period.

The Wolverhampton-based company's annual general meeting heard that for the 16 weeks to January 21 in its 'destination and premium pubs', like-for-like sales were 1.5 per cent ahead of last year including like-for-like food sales growth of 0.6 per cent.

Plans to open at least 20 new pub-restaurants and bars and five lodges in the current financial year are on track. Marston's is hoping to start work on building new lodge hotel rooms at its Spread Eagle pub at Gailey in 2018.

In brewing, the group's own-brewed volume sales are up three per cent in the year to date.

Marston's chief executive Ralph Findlay said: "We traded well over the Christmas period with like-for-like sales growth for the fifth successive year despite tough comparatives. In brewing, we have continued to outperform and once again have achieved good growth with a particularly strong performance in the off-trade."

Expectations for the group for the full year are unchanged. Results for the half year to April 1 will be announced on May 17.

Marston's, which employs around 14,000 people, has an estate of 1,569 pubs around the country including managed, franchised and leased pubs.

It is the UK's leading brewer of premium cask and bottled ales, including Marston's Pedigree, Wainwright and Hobgoblin.

Firm a leader in apprenticeships

SEVERN TRENT has been named as one of the country's top 100 apprenticeship employers.

The firm, which serves eight million people in the Midlands and mid-Wales, was the only water company to be named.

Some of Severn Trent's 79 new apprentices have joined the company at degree level for the first time this year, as well as at advanced and higher levels.

The company also recently expanded its apprenticeship roles to include digital and IS and finance, as well as more traditional engineering roles.

Amy Barber, who is responsible for its apprentice programme, said: "We see apprentices as an absolutely integral part of our business."

Glenn to tell of his life in rock music

CANNOCK-BORN rock star Glenn Hughes is to share memories of his illustrious career in the music industry.

The former Deep Purple and Trapeze bass guitarist and vocalist is to appear in a storyteller session at Cafe de Paris in London on February 25.

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'200 jobs at risk' if DHL pulls out of centre

MORE than 200 jobs will be at risk if DHL pulls out of the Argos distribution centre near Stafford, it can be revealed.

DHL is contracted by Argos to run the warehouse at Acton Gate, but the logistics firm is proposing to transfer its operations to Bedford and Darlington.

'Around 250' workers are based at the site and 'all will be at risk' if the move goes ahead, according to a source who asked not to be named.

Simon Green, regional officer at the Unite union, said: "We are aware of the situation.

"While it is early days yet, Unite the Union will be doing everything possible to safeguard our members' jobs at Acton Gate."

DHL staff currently run what is known as the 'two-man operation' at Acton Gate. This means they are packaging heavy goods such as fridges and sofas. They also carry out some deliveries.

Despite DHL's proposals to withdraw from the site, Argos's customer service and call centre is set to remain. A spokeswoman for the firm confirmed that Argos was not leaving the site.

DHL has declined to comment on potential job losses.

A statement released by the firm said: "Following the sale of Homebase to Westfarmers Ltd and the reduction in volumes this entails, DHL has announced proposals to repurpose its distribution centre at Acton Gate, Stafford."

Landlords urged to fit sprinklers

SOCIAL landlords have been advised about the benefits of fitting automatic sprinkler systems in their properties.

There are currently more than 35 social housing providers in Staffordshire providing accommodation in bedsits, houses, care homes, flats and high-rise flats for 75,000 tenants.

To ensure the properties are as safe as possible, the county's fire and rescue service invited representatives from each of the social landlords to aconference on the issue. More than 40 representatives attended.

Fire engineer and fire suppression lead Stuart Ruckledge, who organised the event, said: "This was a great opportunity for social housing providers to see the positive impact that having automatic fire sprinklers can have."

Arrest over theft of tools from van

A MAN has been arrested on suspicion of stealing tools from a van parked in Heath Street, Hednesford.

The vehicle was targeted at 2am last Wednesday. Staffordshire Police said the items were recovered.

Distribution company given makeover

The Xpress Distribution team

A NEWSPAPER distribution service has been given a rebrand to coincide with its relocation to Wolverhampton.

Xpress Distribution, which is part of the Midland News Association (MNA), has moved from its base in Sandwell to the city's Queen Street.

Formerly known as Express Distribution, the new-look business has not only been renamed but also given a fresh logo and branding, as well as opening up opportunities for developing business at its new base.

Paul Jones, Xpress Distribution manager, said: "We decided to rebrand the business to coincide with our move to Wolverhampton from Sandwell and to develop a fresh new look. We tasked the MNA marketing department to come up with a rebrand and they provided us with a modern look for the business."

The newspaper and leaflet distribution company helps businesses generate leads with its complete leaflet distribution service that allows companies to target audiences more effectively.

On a weekly basis, Xpress Distribution deliver more than 416,000 free newspapers as well as in excess of 500,000 leaflets.

Mr Jones added: "Whilst we are well known for our leaflet distribution, most people are fascinated to learn that we deliver 324,626 Chronicles, 40,733 Journals, as well as 50,680 Kidderminster and Stafford Express & Stars on a Thursday."

Xpress Distribution is owned by the Midland News Association, publishers of the Express & Star and Shropshire Star. For more information email paul.jones@expressandstar.co.uk or call 01902 319537.

Attack on council over power station losses

CANNOCK Chase District Council has been accused of 'poor financial planning' after losing millions of pounds following the closure of Rugeley power station.

The council, run by the Labour administration, is set to make cuts across the borough and raise council tax after it lost more than £2 million in business rates from the closure of the power station

Amanda Milling, Conservative MP for the area said the council should have been 'better prepared' for when the power station closed.

"If you were a business you would look at what your biggest risks are and have a contingency plan in place. This did not happen with the power station," she said.

Ms Milling raised her concerns in the House of Commons when discussing the Local Government Finance Bill, which is proposing increasing business rate retention for councils from 50 per cent to 100 per cent.

She praised the proposed changes as a 'key part of the devolution of powers and budgets', leading to councils gaining 'greater control, responsibility and accountability'.

Certainty

She added the changes would give councils 'something they find very important – financial certainty'. But she also used her speech to take a swipe at the district council.

She said: "Last June, Rugeley B power station ceased operations. It was incredibly disappointing news for the employees and contractors working at the site, and also for the local community, as the power station had become home to a large number of sports clubs and recreational groups.

"Given the scale of the business rates losses and the impact on the local council's financial stability, the threat of the power station closing should have been at the top of the council's priority list of issues to prepare for."

However, Ms Milling at the same time again urged the government to consider transitional funding for the council.

Tony McGovern, the council's managing director hit back saying: "Cannock Chase Council has never had the authority or resources to anticipate or prevent the closure of Rugeley power station.The council has been arguing with the Government for years that this national energy facility should be part of the central business rates list and not the local one."

Mini mania with cars on show

Andy Nash at the show with his 1966 Morris Mini Traveller Woody, which has won numerous awards

IT was Mini mania at the Staffordshire County Showground at the weekend as motor enthusiasts descended on Bingley Hall.

Thousands flocked to the Stafford venue on Sunday for the 18th annual Mini Fair, presented by the British Mini Club, which is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year.

Paddy Hopkirk, legend of the Monte Carlo Rally, starred alongside Minis of all shapes and sizes. Paddy, who drove a Mini Cooper to victory in the 1964 rally, hosted a meet-and-greet session on the Mini Sports stand.

The event is billed as 'the place to shop for all things Mini'. Dave Hollis, organiser and head of the British Mini Club, was delighted with how the event went – despite the disappointing day.

He said: "The weather didn't help with it being a bit damp. But as a rule of thumb, there were some stunning cars on show, and people had travelled from all over.

"We raffled off a classic mini for a pound and a chap won who was from Skegness.

"We haven't added the numbers up yet but it was quite a healthy turnout and on a par with previous years."

The show is recognised as 'the UK's leading and biggest indoor show of the year'. The next Mini Fair is on May 7 at Himley Hall.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Swan on M6 just adds to the delays

A SWAN caused disruption on the M6 when it landed on the southbound carriageway – one of several incidents on the motorway near Cannock and Stafford last Wednesday.

A car was involved in a collision on the northbound carriageway between junctions 10a and 11 at 7.30am.

Loose cabling came down onto the same carriageway between junction 12 and 13 at 9.10am.

Further disruption followed between the same junctions when the swan landed at around 2pm. Police shepherded the bird off the motorway.

Renovation work at Shugborough

RENOVATION work has started on part of Shugborough Estate.

The National Trust took over the running of the historic property in November.

It is now refurbishing the tea room in the Mansion House, the gift shop and the toilets on Park Firm.

Stafford Borough Council planning chiefs granted permission last month and work has already started.

Shugborough project manager Hayley Mival said: "In preparation for reopening in March we're making a range of improvements across the estate."

Pet shop offers advice to young

PETS at Home in Cannock is offering local Beaver Scout Colonies and Cub Scout Packs free workshops to help members gain their Animal Carer badge and Animal Friend badge.

In order to achieve the badge criteria, young people attending the workshops at the store will receive free workbooks to help record the advice they will receive from trained in-store colleagues on how to care for pets.

For further information on booking a place, visit www.petsathome.com

Starbucks in £1,000 donation to New Life

CANNOCK-BASED charity New Life has received a £1,000 donation thanks to a grants scheme run by Starbucks.

People sent more than 30,000 tweets in support of their favourite causes, helping 250 charities to receive a Red Cup Grant of £500 or £1,000.

Charities that raised the biggest social 'cheer' through followers sharing their support online with photos, videos and festive tweets during December have been rewarded with grants to support their grassroots work.

Walk on The Wrekin

CHASE Ramblers' outing this Sunday involves an eight-mile 'moderate to strenuous' walk on The Wrekin. Walkers should meet at Hednesford railway station car park, in Anglesey Street, for a 9am prompt departure. For details contact Neal on 01543 277498. New walkers are welcome.

IN MY VIEW
with Mark Andrews

Speed fines hike needs to trap the boy racers

TOUGHER laws for motorists come into force from April, with really stiff fines for the worst offenders.

For example, people caught speeding at 50mph in a 30mph zone can expect to be fined £1,000, with fines rising to up to £2,500 for the worst cases.

And to be blunt, I don't see the problem with it. Ok, driving bans for people doing 11mph over the limit seem a bit excessive, but I guess we'll just have to be careful.

Driving at 50mph in a built-up area is selfish, irresponsible, and dangerous. If it is sensibly enforced, those caught deserve to be hit in the pocket.

That is a big 'if', though. These things are never sensibly enforced.

I remember some time, about 15 years ago or so, there was a stretch of road in Cannock where the speed limit changed suddenly from 50mph to 30.

And you've guessed it, within a few yards of the sign was a carefully-concealed speed camera. A friend who worked in the area said it was well known to locals, and was always catching people out.

And that is the trouble with this sort of thing. I'm all in favour of throwing the book at self-centred boy racers with a casual disregard for public safety. If you ask me, fining them £2,500 is nowhere near enough. You can put 'em in the stocks and make 'em watch Howard's Way for all I care. I can be really sadistic like that.

But it never works out like that does it? Targeting the bad guys takes time, effort and money.

And "road safety partnerships" always seem more motivated by "working with partners in local government" to set up confusing new road layouts with onerous speed limits, which generate funds "to invest in other road safety measures". In other words, more cameras.

Expect to see more pensioners and working people being hit with crippling fines as they get caught out by new speed limits and hidden cameras. Meanwhile, the boy racers quickly work out where the speed traps are and move on to somewhere else.

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WONDERFUL to see the traffic cones have now arrived for the extension to the Midland Metro tram line, which will mean an end to people having to walk 400 yards from the railway station.

What's more, for a cost to the taxpayer of £15 million, commuters will soon be able to travel from Wolverhampton station to Birmingham New Street – in more than double the time it takes on the train.

Telford's elegant Georgian stone bridge at Bewdley

Engineer Thomas Telford never forgot his humble origins

Pontcysyllte Aquaduct – known as the 'Stream in the Sky'

The man of iron who helped build Britain

A new book by Julian Glover hails Thomas Telford as Britain's greatest ever engineer

"TELFORD, for people on the move" went the early slogan for the new town created in Shropshire in the late 1960s.

And it turns out that that slogan captured much of the spirit of the great engineer after whom the town was named.

"He was always moving on," says Julian Glover, who has written a major new biography of Thomas Telford which has just been published and is BBC Radio 4 Book of the Week. "His life was all about movement. Never settled, always restless."

His book, called Man of Iron, hails Thomas Telford as a British great.

"I think Telford has been overlooked a little bit. He was Britain's greatest civil engineer," said Julian.

"Telford was a really significant figure in the creation of our country and our history and in shaping the skills of engineering which went on to change the world.

"My book tells the story of who he was, where he came from, and what he created. That's what I've tried to write, not just about structures and engineering, but the impact on his world."

Telford was not a Salopian, and neither is Julian, but as his parents have a home at Ditton Priors, near Bridgnorth, and he grew up knowing Telford's name.

In doing his research, he began at the place where 'Tammy Telfer' was born in humble circumstances, the son of an Eskdale shepherd in Dumfries, Scotland.

"I thought there was an extraordinary journey from a boy on the Scottish borders who might have spent his whole life looking after sheep, to a man who came to Shropshire and built great canals and the Pontcysyllte aqueduct.

"I began to explore his story and look in the archives, a lot of which are in London. People who met him were impressed by two things.

"One was that he was very practical. He was proud of where he came from and did not try to put on airs and graces, or spend money or buy a big house when successful. He was always proud of being a shepherd boy.

A horse drawn cargo being led beneath Telford's Galton Bridge, Smethwick, in the 1930s

Jolly

"They saw him as strong and solid, not a fancy city person. The second thing they saw was that he was very good company, big, bluff, with a broad face. A lot of hair, did not dress up in flash clothes, very jolly with a lot of anecdotes, and friendly and generous.

"He gave a lot of money away. And he was absolutely driven, really hard working."

It was in Shropshire that Telford made his name, says Julian, and many of the best projects he worked on can still be found in the county, or nearby in Wales or the Black Country.

He arrived in the county in late 1786, doing reconstruction at Shrewsbury Castle, and was soon busy with a wide range of projects, from building bridges and churches to doing excavations at Wroxeter Roman City, and had the role of county surveyor.

He designed Bridgnorth's neo-classical Church of St Mary Magdalene and the unusual octagonal church of St Michael's at Madeley.

After River Severn floods caused havoc in Shropshire and Worcestershire, he designed bridges for Buildwas, Bridgnorth and Bewdley.

He found fame as a builder of roads, bridges and canals. His major projects included linking the East and West coasts of Scotland via the Caledonian Canal and he also transformed the canal network in Birmingham and the Black Country. One of his final projects was Galton Bridge at Smethwick, named after Samuel Galton of Birmingham's Lunar Society of pioneer industrialists.

Built to Telford's design in 1829, the cast iron road bridge with its single span of 151 feet was a marvel of the later Georgian age. It spans James Brindley's canal, which Telford had improved, and still stands near the rail station which is named after it.

Although Shropshire was his home, he did not have a Shropshire home as such.

"The question of where Telford lived is a challenging one. He lived where the work was. Early on he did stay in the castle and letters are written in the castle.

"He stayed a lot of time in Ellesmere where he always kept a sort of office in the canal company offices there. It was not a home. It was a place I imagine he kept some of his clothes or belongings.

Suspension

"He would often stay with Archibald Alison at his rectory somewhere near Market Drayton."

As part of his research Julian, who lives in London, delved into archives at the Ironbridge Gorge Museum's Museum of Iron, and came to see some of the structures for which Telford was responsible in the county, such as the iron aqueduct at Longdon-on-Tern.

"I think the Longdon aqueduct is amazing because it's so early and looks like a completely modern thing.

"Two other favourites are both in Wales. One is the Menai Bridge, the world's first big suspension bridge. And then the other one is Pontcysyllte aqueduct just over the border, which is a World Heritage Site. When you go to see it, it never disappoints."

As for the town which bears Telford's name, Julian says he has seen it grow, and has been struck by two things – the success in landscaping an industrial environment and the respect shown for the industrial heritage of the area.

"It did not try to hide from the past. It was unusual at the time for a town to do that.

"A lot of places in Britain neglected their past, Telford cherished it."

Man of Iron, published by Bloomsbury, £25.

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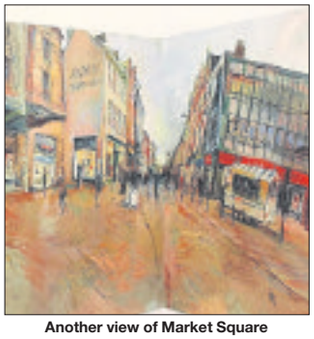
Artistic talent round every corner

Different angles – one 'corner' of Rob Pointon's painting showing Market Square in Stafford



Another view of Market Square

The Shire Hall features prominently in the painting

IT is the artistic version of surround sound – a stunning 360-degree painting now on show at a Staffordshire gallery.

The unusual work by Rob Pointon is the centrepiece of an exhibition celebrating the county's artists and places.

Photographs by Kate Mellor & Rick Barks, paintings by Robert Perry, David Gleeson and Catherine Brennand and textiles by Rachel Grant are also on display.

Gill Heath, cabinet member responsible for libraries and arts at Staffordshire County Council, said: "We all know what a talented and creative county we live in, and this is a great opportunity to see some wonderful pieces of local art by some of our most contemporary artists.

"There's a real mix of paintings, photographs and textiles from the last twenty five years, all with a Staffordshire connection.

"We are very pleased to be able to showcase this hotbed of talent, and I would encourage people to drop in and have a look for themselves." The exhibition, which runs at Stafford's Shire Hall Gallery until February 26, features a selection of local works from the last 25 years.

The 360-degree painting depicting the county town's Market Square was commissioned for the Architecture exhibition at the Shire Hall Gallery in 2012.

The Shire Hall Gallery's contemporary craft shop also continues to support talented Staffordshire makers alongside the best of British craft from around the country.

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Police are unable to take action

IN 2015, after more than 50,000 people joined the NSPCC's 'Flaw in the Law' campaign, the Government introduced legislation to arm police with new powers to tackle paedophiles.

It means an adult is breaking the law if they send a sexual communication to an under 16-year-old.

But now – almost two years later – the Government is dragging its feet and the law is yet to be triggered, despite the fact that similar legislation is already proving successful elsewhere in the United Kingdom.

We've written to the Secretary of State for Justice asking why the law has been delayed and demanding that it is put into force immediately.

This new offence was supposed to mean that the law could be brought to bear on anyone who grooms children online, yet in too many cases the police have been left powerless to take action.

ALLY SULTANA
Campaigns manager

Value of sterling has always gone up and down

TYPICALLY I suppose people who wanted the UK to remain in the EU are now blaming Brexit for the weakness of sterling.

This is nothing more than predictable and expected opportunism.

The fact is, the value of sterling has always gone up and down.

When the pound goes up in value, there are winners and losers; when the pound goes down in value, there are winners and losers.

It's called the free market. I notice some people have jumped at the chance to blame Brexit for current inflation and petrol costs, which incidentally are currently around 1.4 per cent and £1.18 per litre respectively.

Yet in 2011-12 inflation was approaching five per cent and fuel costs were almost £1.50 per litre. Was that the fault of Brexit too?

The fact is, Remainers would have a damned sight more to moan about if the UK had been taken out of the EU the same way were taken in – without a referendum.

Good riddance to the unelected and unaccountable EU, which includes the single market.

The rest of the world is a damned sight bigger than the restrictive and inward-looking EU, and the sooner Mrs May signs Article 50 the better.

PROUD BREXITEER
Rugeley

Final days of the box

Phil Lloyd's picture of the box when it was still in use

FOLLOWING the front page article (Chronicle, January 26) I thought readers might be interested to see a photograph taken by myself of the signal box in situ.

It was taken in November 2013, just weeks before it was removed and relocated to Hednesford Park.

You will see that the photo is in black and white, but with only the green signal shown in colour.

PHIL LLOYD
Heath Hayes

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Other side of funding

I, like MP Amanda Milling, welcome the 'extra' £1.58 million new funding to tackle the state of the district's roads – probably a drop in the ocean compared to what is really needed ("£1.5m for potholes at just the right time", January 26). I do, however, wonder how much our Tory county council has cut from its road repair budget over the last few years because of funding cuts from central government.

L BULLOCK
Heath Hayes

Satisfying way to get revenge

SO Jamie Oliver is closing six of his Italian restaurants blaming Brexit for their demise.

Yes, Jamie, it is Brexit but not for the reasons you put forward.

There were more than 17 million voters of Leave.

Do you not think those 17 million-plus patriots would not want to patronise such a Remainer?

I, for one, would not want to enter one of his eateries.

Also, I no longer buy any of his books as gifts.

So now you have the real reason you are closing restaurants Jamie!

Us Leavers can get payback on these unpatriotic Remainers.

Therefore, I no longer fly Virgin Atlantic or use Virgin Media.

I also no longer buy Walkers Crisps because of Gary Lineker – the chief Remainer.

Trust me – it is both liberating and satisfying.

T TURNER
Rugeley

Support campaign to keep this drug

IT is devastating to hear that Kadcyla – a crucial life-extending treatment for women with incurable secondary breast cancer – faces being withdrawn from the NHS, following the failure of NICE and the drug's manufacturer Roche to reach an agreement.

Kadcyla can offer patients precious extra months – even years – of good quality time with their loved ones, with fewer side effects than other treatments.

It is available in many other countries – including France, Germany and Australia – and unless NICE's draft decision is overturned, this fantastic medical advance will bypass patients in England forever.

That's why I've backed Breast Cancer Now's campaign to #KeepKadcyla.

SEAN SMITH
Cannock

Our group can make use of unwanted equipment

MAY I appeal to readers on behalf of the Burntwood In-Sight Group, a local self-help group for the visually impaired, their families and friends.

If anyone has any assistive equipment such as magnifiers which perhaps belonged to a relative with sight problems who no longer needs them (and which do not belong to the NHS and need returning there) then our group members can possibly make use of them. Similarly, we can also use any audio books you have that you no longer wish to keep.

If you have any items you wish to pass on, we can arrange collection. Contact us on 01543 670822.

CAROL TRIGG
Burntwood In-Sight Group

Just half of passengers happy with train fares

Tablers help to pay for trip

From left, trip organiser Mr Leonard, Daisy Scarlett, Alex Farmer, Libby Newman, Sam Arthrell, Sophie Cook, Maisy Toon, Liz Hobbis, and Tim Rowlands

STAFF and pupils are celebrating after their school was presented with a cheque for £500 from Penkridge Round Table.

The money will go to Wolgarston High School's Link for Life Project, which is fundraising for a trip to South Africa this year to help communities there in need of support.

The cheque was presented by Tim Rowlands, of the Round Table, who said the group was particularly keen to help local schools.

He told pupils at the Cannock Road school: "Most of our members are former students of Wolgarston High so it's great to give something back."

The school thanked him for the generous donation.

Trip organiser and science teacher Mr Leonard said: "We would like to thank Tim for coming in today to present us with this cheque and being so kind in raising this money for our students."

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JUST over half of all passengers using London Midland trains in the West Midlands region think the service is value for money.

A new survey has revealed that just 55 per cent of customers said they were happy with how much they were paying to use the train.

That figure compared with 71 per cent of customers using Virgin Trains on the route between London, Wolverhampton and Shrewsbury, and 64 per cent using Chiltern Railways services in the West Midlands.

Cannock Chase MP Amanda Milling has been scathing about overcrowding on the Chase Line. Only three quarters of London Midland passengers said they were satisfied with punctuality – fewer than both Virgin Trains and Chiltern Railways passengers – although 85 per cent of customers did say they were satisfied overall.

Listened

Ms Milling said: "What the survey really demonstrates is the impact of punctuality and reliability. It's really important to people. If you think of all the problems on the Chase Line, a lot of those have been delayed trains, ones that have stopped on the way.

"I have been receiving complaints throughout the autumn and I am still getting tweets and messages now. But I can see that they have listened to the issues that I have been raising."

A London Midlands spokesman said: "We welcome this feedback. Many of the areas where passengers say they want more improvements are being addressed as part of our current £15 million investment programme."

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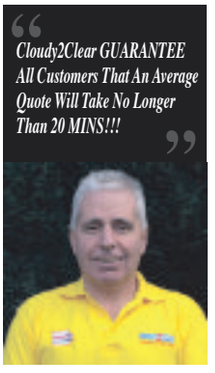

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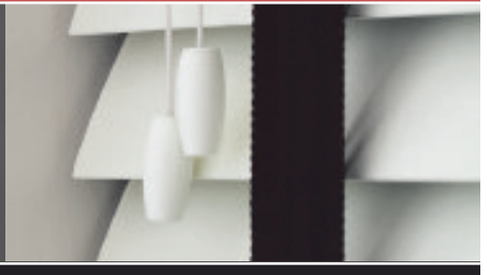

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SENIOR clinicians in Staffordshire are urging families to offer to help patients in returning home from hospital as soon as they are ready.

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This has caused even longer delays for patients who arrive requiring a bed. Doctors are advising families and carers that going home once medically fit to do so has also proven to be better for the patient.

Hospitals regularly have patients who no longer need a hospital bed but who are unable to be discharged while they wait for relatives to come and collect them or to agree where ongoing care can be provided.

Start

Some patients may require a care package, which involves medical, social care and voluntary sector staff from across the county working together to make sure that they can safely be discharged.

Magnus Harrison, medical director of Burton Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, said: "We think of a hospital as a place to get better, but spending an unnecessarily long time there can do more harm than good.

"This is because you can start to lose your mobility and your independence, which is the last thing most people want."

Anyone with a relative ready to be discharged should contact the ward for advice on how they can help.

People attending A&E who do not require immediate, emergency treatment are being warned that they may have a considerable wait and are being urged to consider alternatives.

Doctors are advising that going home once medically fit is better for the patient

Vacancies on health groups

RESIDENTS in Staffordshire are being invited to help shape the future of healthcare in the county.

People can apply to join the new patient reference groups that will look at simplifying the urgent and emergency care system in order to 'improve outcomes and reduce waiting times'.

They will also look at frail, elderly and long-term conditions, with the aim of reducing reliance on bed-based services by improving community services, to get people back home after treatment as quickly as possible.

Penny Harris, programme director for the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent's Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP), said: "We want to open the discussion with patient reference groups.

"This is a real opportunity to help shape the services of the future."

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Cannock Chase Council needs your help in deciding where different types of development should go to meet our Districts needs right now and into the future.

We are preparing the section of our Local Plan (known as Local Plan Part 2) which will set out where new developments such as housing and industry should take place across the District. We need your input to make sure we get this right.

We are also developing an Area Action Plan for Cannock Town Centre to make sure that we encourage the right kinds of investment in the right places and help the town be the best it can be, serving our residents and encouraging more people to visit and stay longer.

You can find out more at **www.cannockchasedc.gov.uk/planningpolicy**, or see our exhibitions in the reception areas at the Civic Centre (Beecroft Road, Cannock) and Rugeley Area Office (Anson Street, Rugeley) and the retail unit at the entrance to Cannock Market Hall.

Norton Canes Library	Thursday 16th February 2017	3.30pm - 6.30pm
Hednesford Library	Tuesday 21st February 2017	1.30pm - 4.30pm
Rugeley Library	Thursday 23rd February 2017	10am - 1pm
Cannock Library	Friday 24th February 2017	10am - 1pm
Heath Hayes Library	Thursday 2nd March 2017	3.30pm - 6.30pm
Brereton Library	Friday 3rd March 2017	2.30pm - 5.30pm

You can come to any one of our drop in events at our local libraries, where officers will be on hand to answer any questions you may have - all exhibitions will be the same so it doesn't matter which one you attend.

We are also holding a drop in event which specifically focuses on the Area Action Plan for Cannock Town Centre. This will be on **Friday 3rd March 2017** from **10am - 1pm** in the retail unit at the entrance of **Cannock Market, Market Hall Street.**

Our consultation runs from **30th January** to **27th March 2017** and you are welcome to provide your comments at any time over these 8 weeks. If you have any queries give the **Planning Policy team** a call on **01543 462621**.

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Fight of fancy caught on camera

Jim Gear saw double when he took this snap of two goldfinches fighting in his garden *Picture by Jim Gear/Caters News*

A PENSIONER was seeing double when his perfectly timed snap of a Goldfinch scrap looked like a mirrored image.

Retired production director Jim Gear, aged 79, took the photos of fighting goldfinches from his living room window at his house in Cannock.

The keen photographer of 30 years could not believe his luck when he caught the magnificent tussle between two birds in his own back garden. Jim said: "I love to photo birds because all images are different, and to photo fighting birds it takes a lot of skill and knowledge.

Keen

"The fights with goldfinches will only last a few seconds when one wants to go on the feeder and there is no space – they will fight to gain a feeding spot.

"I have been very keen on photography for 30 years and have specialised in wildlife for six years.

"To capture bird fights, you have to pre-focus on the bird feeder.

"Goldfinches are always fighting so when a fight starts you have to shoot at 12 frames per second.

"I might take 500 images and only keep one, so I was very, very pleased to check the images on my computer to find this once in a lifetime image," Jim added.

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All change as councils prepare for new £1 coin

IT has been called the safest coin in the world, and with just two months to go until the new £1 enters circulation, preparations are under way for its arrival.

By Heather Large

Councils across Staffordshire and the Black Country have been spending thousands updating car park ticket machines so that they are able to accept the new 12-sided coin.

Designed by Walsall teenager David Pearce, it will enter circulation on March 28, and by October 15 the round coin will cease to be legal tender. The coin boasts several new security features, including a hologram.

Sandwell Council is spending £23, 364 updating its machines by making alterations to the software and coin selector.

Wolverhampton Council has already updated its 80 machines across the city to accept the new £1 coin.

Spokesman Tim Clark said: "Upgrading the machines cost £8,429.26 for the on-and-off-street pay and display machines and £198 for our pay-on-exit machines."

The machines will now accept either £1 coin. In Dudley there are currently 60 pay and display machines and the council said the cost to upgrade them is approximately £6,000.

Walsall Council updated its 47 machines, at a cost of £4,500, last year while Stafford Borough Council says all of its machines have been upgraded.

Supermarkets have already begun making changes to their trolleys.Cat Parkinson, of Tesco, said: "We have replaced the lock on our trolleys so our customers will not be affected when the new pound is introduced. The slots will accept the old and new pound as well as trolley tokens."

The new coin, with its 12 sides, will be far more difficult to fake, meaning the money handed to shops can be safely banked as genuine.

Work pushes ahead at new factory site

The shell of the new 50,000 square metre manufacturing unit for Spanish firm Gestamp is going up at Four Ashes

WORK is continuing to push forward at the Four Ashes factory site ahead of its planned opening later this year.

This new picture shows how far work has come along, with a number of giant steel structures now in place as progress is made.

A new 50,000 square metre manufacturing unit is being built at the site for Spanish automotive parts supplier Gestamp, which said it will become a more efficient, competitive and customer-focused factory for clients based nearby.

They include BMW, Honda, JLR, Nissan-Renault and Toyota. It will employ 800 staff at the £56.3 million base, moving employees from Cannock, and then spending £70 million kitting it out.

The plan is for production of car chassis and body parts to start at the site before the end of 2017.

The project has been supported by Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire Local Enterprise Partnership, Staffordshire County Council and Cannock Chase District Council.

Adam Lane, project manager at O'Brien Contractors, who are carrying out the work, said: "The scheme is progressing well with excavation for two of the three deep factory pits well under way and 70 per cent of the associated internal and external drainage installed."

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Volunteers help launch new chapter for library

STAFF at Hednesford Community Library are celebrating its official new status as a community-managed facility.

It will be one of eight libraries where services are provided by a team of local volunteers under the management of South Staffordshire and Shropshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (SSSFT) and supported by Staffordshire County Council (SCC).

The new arrangements are said to allow Hednesford Library to continue to play a strong role in the community.

Library services such as book loans and information provision are still a core part of what is on offer, but the intention is to work with the community to develop other functions based on what local people want and need.

Hednesford Library – 'much more than just books these days'

Difference

Councillor Gill Heath, libraries chief at Staffordshire County Council, said: "Libraries play a vital role within local communities, and we've been working hard to make sure our libraries are sustainable and offer local communities the activities they need.

"This is a great example of how local volunteers are coming forward and making such a difference in running their local library, with support from organisations such as South Staffordshire and Shropshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust.

"They know the local community better than anyone, and are able to identify and introduce new services to meet their needs.

"Libraries are about much more than just books these days and are places where people meet, learn, and access different services and activities.

"Volunteers play an important role in all our libraries – helping and advising customers, organising books and resources and helping out with reading groups, craft sessions for children, Knit and Natter groups and job search activities.

"We're always looking out for more volunteers, so anyone interested in becoming a volunteer can always contact their local library."

Library volunteer Sue Horton said: "It's been fantastic the amount of support we have received from the local community, both in the number of people coming forward to volunteer and the patience and good wishes of library users. It's always nice to know you're appreciated so if anyone has a few hours a week to spare, do come and join us.

"We can always use more volunteers as we hope to extend our services to include such things as home reading and baby bounce and rhyme."

A formal opening ceremony was being held yesterday (Wednesday) afternoon.

Anyone who is interested in volunteering at a library should contact libraryvolunteers@sssft.nhs.uk or ask for more information in the library.

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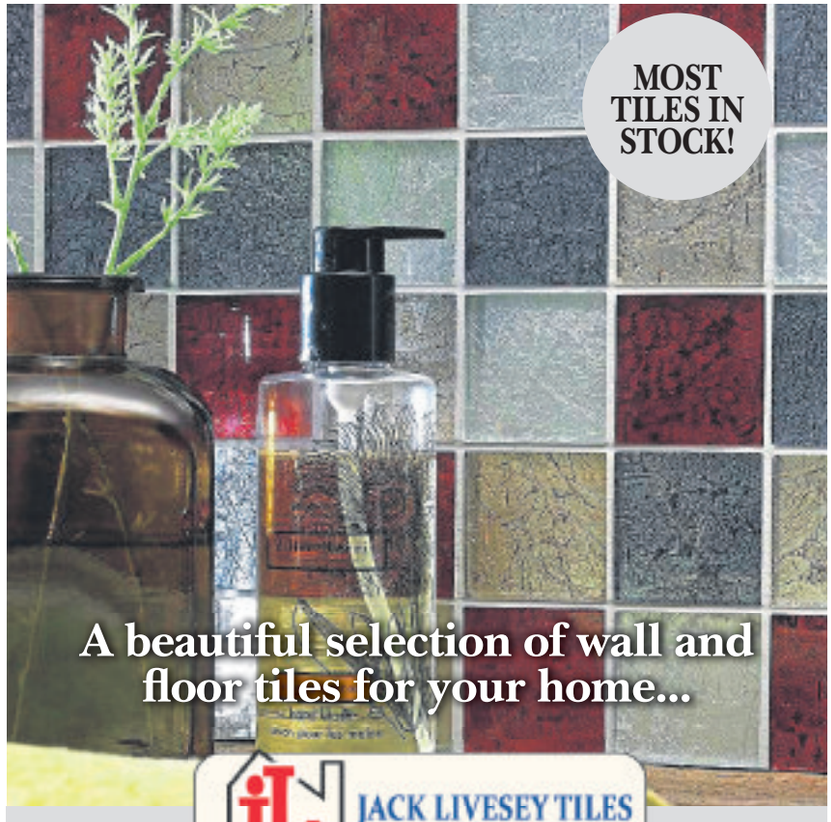

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Youngsters set to join race for Amazing roles

STAFFORD Gatehouse Theatre's 2017 summer school musical will be an amateur youth theatre production of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat.

In addition to rehearsing the show, the youngsters taking part will also be involved in workshops covering all they need to know about the theatrical world.

Producer Derrick Gask said: "We've wanted to stage Joseph as our Summer School musical for a number of years now, so to have the opportunity to produce this amazing show in 2017 is a very exciting prospect for everyone at Stafford Gatehouse Theatre.

"Summer School is a fantastic way for young performers to build confidence, learn new skills and also make friends for life."

The Summer School sessions will start on Monday, July 31, with the production opening on Wednesday, August 16 and running until Saturday, August 19.

Auditions

Limited places will be available, and the only way to gain a part in this year's production is to audition on Sunday, May 7. The auditions will take place at Stafford Gatehouse Theatre, with the first session at 9.30am for seven to 12-year-olds, followed by a session at 2pm for 13 to 18-year-olds.

Summer School places are available for youngsters in these age groups who live in or attend a school in Staffordshire. Previous years have seen more than 120 children battle it out for one of the lucky spaces.

Meanwhile, youngsters can also look forward to a new show from best-selling children's author David Walliams, called The First Hippo On The Moon.

The First Hippo on the Moon has been adapted for the stage by acclaimed theatre company Les Petits following their hugely successful production of Captain Flinn and the Pirate Dinosaurs.

The show will be performed at Stafford Gatehouse Theatre on Saturday, March 25 at 1.30pm and 3pm, and on Sunday, March 26 at 10.30am and again at 12.30pm.

Due to retrace their steps

The show will see Chas & Dave retelling their full story as one of the UK's best loved musical duos

COCKNEY music legends Chas & Dave are rolling back the years with a special performance at Stafford Gatehouse Theatre next month.

The show will see them retelling their full story as one of the UK's best loved musical duos.

Still selling out theatres all over the UK following from their hit album That's What Happens, Chas & Dave have headlined The Royal Variety Show, sold out The Royal Albert Hall, completed an arena tour with Status Quo and performed at the VE Day Concert in the last two years alone.

For their appearance at the Gatehouse Theatre, on March 4 at 7.30pm, they will be performing a number of classic hits, such as Gertcha, Sideboard Song, Rabbit, Ain't No Pleasing You and Margate.

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Garrick's festive donations top £8,000

Philippa Graty, left, and Lesley Holmes from St Giles Hospice, Alex Lloyd, head of marketing at Lichfield Garrick, Karen Foster, executive director at the theatre, and Tim Ford, artistic director

DONATIONS collected after Lichfield Garrick's festive performances in December have totalled more than £8,000.

The money will be split equally between St Giles Hospice and the Lichfield Garrick's Youth Theatre following performances of Sleeping Beauty and Crimes Against Christmas – a new record, smashing last year's £6,000 total.

Both charities were mentioned on stage in each performance by the cast members to help raise awareness, and the staff and cast collected donations throughout the theatre after the show finished. Karen Foster, Lichfield Garrick's executive director, said: "We know our Christmas audiences are very generous in their gifts to charities, but we didn't expect to raise over £8,000."

On top of the performance collections, the Garrick supports the hospice through a partnership with the weekly lottery and by encouraging patrons to donate towards extra tickets for bereaved families in the care of St Giles.

Lesley Holmes, from St Giles Hospice, said: "Working in partnership together helps us to continue to support our local community and provide vital services."

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SOUTH Staffordshire Council is to sell advertising space on its refuse trucks.

The authority hopes to bring in extra cash to help plug a budget gap by offering the space to businesses and external organisations.

Its 15 refuse trucks already carry public information campaigns, and all are fitted with a 'quick-change' system of graphics called Spedian.

The council is also using an online tool called Roadvert to help it maximise this revenue-generating initiative.

Using official data, Roadvert calculates how many people will see the messages and puts a price on the service.

The audience reach can be broken down by age group, and Roadvert will estimate how long a campaign needs to run in order to reach a certain percentage of the 'target demographic'.

Advertising will be sold by the council's entrepreneurial arm, the Business Hub, for two of the trucks, initially to local businesses.

The council is also in talks with the Local Government Association about running national campaigns. Business Hub lead Imre Tolgyesi said: "It's another tool in our armoury to generate money directly for our public services. Every pound that we generate will help.

"If each department could raise thousands of pounds a year, it would go a long way to retaining services for the benefit of local residents.

"We've not sold advertising on refuse trucks before because the financial incentive wasn't there.

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V special day to mark milestone

Visitors will get a chance to see the Valiant aircraft up close

A Vulcan bomber on display at RAF Cosford

Baroness Thatcher was in attendance at the opening

THE Royal Air Force Museum at Cosford celebrates the 10th anniversary of its award-winning National Cold War Exhibition next week, giving visitors close-up access to some of the aircraft on show.

The celebration takes place next Tuesday from 10am to 4pm at the museum.

The £12.5 million landmark building and exhibition was officially opened in 2007 by HRH The Princess Royal and was attended by VIP guests including the Rt Hon Baroness Thatcher.

To mark the milestone, visitors are invited to join museum staff and volunteers for a special event that will see a number of Cold War aircraft opened for exclusive close up access, including the Vickers Valiant B1 and the Handley Page Victor K2.

Both aircraft are being opened to the public for the very first time and the Cosford team hope aviation fans will seize the opportunity to step on board two of Britain's nuclear strike force aircraft, which played a vital role during the critical Cold War years.

RAF Cosford's Cold War exhibition celebrates its 10th birthday. JESSICA LABHART reports

The Valiant was the first of Bomber Command's V class aircraft and established Britain's airborne nuclear deterrent force before pioneering operational in-flight refuelling in the Royal Air Force. Not only was it the first V-Bomber to enter service, it was also the first to drop an operational British nuclear weapon over Christmas Island in 1957.

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The Victor was designed and in service as a strategic nuclear bomber, some were converted to in-flight refuelling tankers and remained in service until 1993.

Victors were heavily utilised in the 1982 Falklands campaign and the 1991 Gulf War before retiring from service in 1993.

Both aircraft now reside at the RAF Museum Cosford, displayed alongside the Hawker Siddeley Vulcan B2 and dominate the upper level of the National Cold War Exhibition.

Other Cold War aircraft and vehicles being opened to the public for the anniversary event will include the General Dynamics F-111F-CF, Mikoyan-Gurevich MiG 21PF, Hawker Hunter F.4 (nose section), Avro York C1, McDonnell Douglas Phantom FG.1 (nose section) and the Short Brothers Belfast. In addition, visitors can take a look inside the Mikoyan-Gurevich MiG-15bis, the BMP-1 infantry fighting vehicle, Green Goddess auxiliary fire engine and the Tracked Rapier missile launcher.

RAF Museum assistant director Paul Pomfret said: "The National Cold War Exhibition transformed the Cosford site with its award-winning architecture and catapulted the museum onto a global stage, doubling the number of visitors who pass through its doors each year.

"Since its opening in 2007, over 3.2 million visitors have passed through its doors and interest in the exhibition and the museum has remained consistent ever since.

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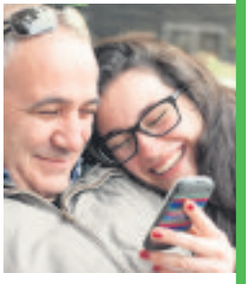

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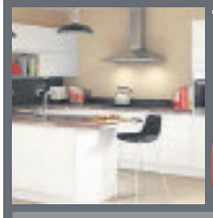

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Plea for war heroes' families

LICHFIELD District Council is seeking the relatives of six men who were killed in the Second World War, to ask permission to name the streets of a new development at Hay End Lane in Fradley after them.

Fradley and Streethay Parish Council has suggested continuing to name new streets in the area after fallen war heroes who served at RAF Lichfield.

The district council is now seeking any surviving relatives to gain their consent to use the names. The council is seeking the relatives of Sergeant Gilbert McAlister and Sergeant Ronald Sankey both from the Royal Australian Air Force, along with Sergeant Alfred Brindle, Sergeant Howell Buckley and Sergeant Albert Ashwood who were royal Air Force Volunteers, and tractor driver Arthur Salt.

The suggested street names are McAlister Row, Sankey Grove, Brindle Lane, Buckley Croft, Ashwood Lane and Salt Way. Call 01543 308763 or email roberta.whittaker@lichfielddc.gov.uk by 5pm on February 9.

Family's bitter row over grave taken to court

A JUDGE has been called in to decide a bitter row over a woman's gravestone in a Staffordshire churchyard. The sons of Susannah Allison, who died last April, have been at loggerheads with their mother's second husband over the gravestone.

Paul and Gordon Matthewson – Mrs Allison's sons – had their late father's gravestone at St John the Baptist Church in Armitage amended to include their mother as her ashes were in the same grave. But while the gravestone was away being inscribed, Mr Allison, Mrs Allison's second husband, had a plaque made and put it on the grave.

Now the matter has been taken to court in an attempt to find a resolution.

Stephen Eyres QC, a judge of the Church of England's Consistory Court, has ruled that the three should try to sort out their differences amicably.

If they don't he has indicated that he will block the erection of the gravestone planned by the sons.

In his judgment as a judge of the Consistory Court which has to approve matters relating to gravestones on consecrated ground, Mr Eyres, Chancellor of the Diocese of Lichfield, said: "It is clear that all concerned had a deep love for Susannah Allison but their feelings towards each other are anything but loving or, indeed, respectful."

Mrs Allison's first husband, Alan Mathewson, died in 1978, aged 48. His ashes were buried in the churchyard of St John the Baptist Church. By the time Mrs Allison died, she had been married to William Allison for 32 years.

Paul and Gordon Mathewson asked Mr Eyres to order that Mr Allison's plaque should be removed.

The judge said there must be an inscription added referring to her widowhood and marriage to Mr Allison.

If this was not done the sons' tribute could not take the place of Mr Allison's.

Retailer picks up a national award

Staff members Callum Talbot, left and Trudy Samms with owners Lesley Thomas and Victoria Highfield

STAFFORDSHIRE equine retailer Highfield Equestrian (Online for Equine LTD) has won a national award.

The company, based in Main Road, Milford, took home the British Equestrian Trade Association's medium retailer of the year award.

The prestigious BETA awards, which attract an average of 4,000 nominations from across the UK, celebrate companies and individuals who have made a significant difference to the equestrian industry.

Victoria Highfield, director at Highfield Equestrian, said: "We are so grateful to all of our customers for their nominations for such an incredible award.

"According to the speaker at the event, the overall consensus from our customers was that they would not shop anywhere else, due to the high level of customer service and expertise provided by our store.

Cricket training

CANNOCK Cricket Club has started its indoor training sessions. The club, which is seeking sponsors for the 2017 season, is inviting juniors of all abilities to turn up at various venues. For details call Graham Machin on 07836 371043.

Award goes to teacher

A TEACHER of children with special educational needs has been given an award for her work.

Becki Plant, an assistant special educational needs co-ordinator at Brownhills School, was given an award from charity Contact a Family during a ceremony in London.

She was nominated by Victoria Bird, the mother of a young man with autism who attends the school, who said: "Miss Plant is one of a kind and always there for all her students."

Forty patients wait 12 hours on trolleys

COUNTY Hospital has confirmed there were 40 cases of 12-hour trolley waits in the two weeks after Christmas.

An investigation has been launched into the breaches, which bosses have put down to a lack of beds in the hospital and a reduction in care home spaces in Stafford to discharge inpatients to.

University of Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust has now confirmed there were 40 incidents between December 28 and January 6, although there have been none since then.

Chief executive Paula Clark said: "We have been completely open about the effect that high levels of attendances and other pressures has on waiting times within our emergency departments, and that includes County Hospital.

"Since a difficult first couple of weeks in January, we are starting to see an improvement in performance and waiting times across the trust."

High-end watch stolen

STAFFORDSHIRE Police are appealing for information after a watch worth thousands of pounds was stolen in a burglary. The incident happened at a property in New Penkridge Road, Cannock, on Friday and was taken. When new, the high-end ladies Omega Constellation wrist watch can be worth up to £5,000. To get into the property, the offenders smashed a panel in the rear utility room. The break-in happened sometime between 8.30am and 5.15pm. Anyone with any information is asked to call Staffordshire Police on 101, quoting incident number 554 of January 27.

Care home again told it has to improve

A CARE HOME which left some residents in bed until teatime and left alleged abuse allegations unreported has been branded unsafe and again ordered to improve.

Chaseview Nursing Home in Burntwood was told its staffing levels were insufficient after an inspection last March. But Care Quality Commission (CQC) inspectors found that the situation was the same on October 26.

The watchdog's latest verdict declared the home 'Requires Improvement' overall while the category of safety was ruled as 'Inadequate'.

Their report stated: "The service was not safe. Staff were not given time to give people the care they need or to respond to emergencies or incidents. People were at risk because they did not always receive their medicines in the way they were prescribed.

Chaseview Care Home

Guidance

"Incidents involving abuse or poor practice were not always reported or discussed externally as is required.

"Some people were being deprived of their liberty without legal authority."

Inspectors also found residents' medicines were not always provided at the times they were prescribed. Staff were also not given guidance over when some medicines had to be taken to ensure they were taken safely.

Staffordshire Police had given the health watchdog information about a safeguarding incident the force had been asked to attend. But the care home's manager had not told the regulator about it, as they were required to. Inspectors found two incidents of alleged physical abuse had not been discussed or reported to Staffordshire County Council's safeguarding team, contrary to guidance.

The home has capacity to look after 60 people. At the time of the inspection, it had 56 residents. Relatives complained to inspectors about the lack of staffing levels, according to the report.

A member of staff said: "On a good day we can get everyone up by lunchtime but on a bad day it could be teatime."

Despite the criticism the CQC did note certain aspects of the home's management were in order, including recruitment. Inspectors said: "There was a process in place to ensure new staff were suitable to work within a caring environment."

No-one at the home was available to comment.

Thriving firm in £2m expansion is now recruiting

STEEL Processing (Midlands) has embarked on a fresh round of recruitment following investment in extending its premises on Burntwood Business Park and a new Georg slitting line last year.

Commercial director Nick Liggins said SPM was currently looking for five new staff including wide slitter operators, overhead crane drivers and general warehouse operatives.

"We are going thorough really rapid expansion and as a result have a shortfall in staff," he said.

"Our new slitting line is nowfully operational and we welcome people applying for the vacancies." The company's premises cover nearly 50,000 sq ft following the £2 million investment.

Mr Liggins said it was on course to more than double its annual turnover from £20m to £50m for 2016-2017. "We have made significant rapid growth and won new work, mainly within the UK," he added.

SPM currently employs 62 and has already taken on 17 since the investment.

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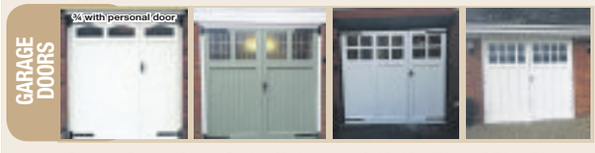

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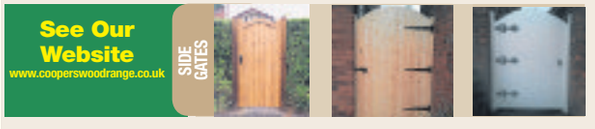

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Ale's well in trail's first year

THE Lichfield District Tourism Association (LDTA) is celebrating the first anniversary of the city's Real Ale Trail.

Since its launch, the scheme has been recognised as attracting visitors to the city to enjoy the ales available in the city pubs.

The LDTA has more than 120 members in the district, all of whom are involved in tourism.

Meanwhile, Blythe Brewery at Hamstall Ridware has brewed a David Garrick Golden Ale, to celebrate the theatrical legend's 300th birthday.

The ale will be launched on Friday, February 10, at 2pm at Dr Johnson Birthplace in Market Street.

Copies of the trail brochure can be obtained from participating venues, Lichfield Tourism Information Centre or downloaded at www.visitlichfield.co.uk

Panto time at Institute

PANTO season continues in Burntwood with a production of Aladdin.

The show at Burntwood Memorial Institute tomorrow (Friday) and Saturday is being presented by Burntwood Boys and Girls Brigade.

Tickets are £6 for adults and £4.50 for concessions and are available by calling 07976 769760 or going to burntwoodbbgb.com

'We don't want to lose our branch without a fight'

REGULAR customers have been left reeling after the shock announcement that the Chase Terrace branch of HSBC is set to close, according to a local councillor.

The bank says more people are using online facilities but Councillor Sue Woodward it is taking too little notice of those who do not use computers and prefer face-to-face contact, or about the local impact.

By David Banner

The county councillor for Burntwood North said: "I have been a customer of HSBC and its predecessor from when I first opened a bank account as a teenager.

"The staff at the branch are excellent, and we don't want to lose them without a fight. I only found out about the closure through the media. They didn't even let Lichfield District Council know and, instead, sent the information to Cannock Chase Council. This just adds insult to injury."

After immediately contacting HSBC, Councillor Woodward had a call from area director Matt Ridler, who apologised for not informing the local council.

He has now agreed to meet Councillor Woodward and the leader of Lichfield District Council to discuss the matter further. "The area director was unaware of the numbers of new houses being built in the town and the new businesses coming on stream," Councillor Woodward added.

"They just hadn't looked at the local picture. I really hope we can get them to look again at the closure proposal.

"At the very least, they need to ensure that their customers – all of them, whether they use computers or not – are properly served.

"And it's not just Burntwood residents that are affected. I've had calls from further afield to say that they use the Chase Terrace branch. That brings people to our shopping centre.

"They just haven't thought through what the impacts on our town and the wider locality will be."

Maynard posed for pictures with staff members including 21-year-old Kayleigh Plumbe

Lovin' it! Conor in shock visit

HE is the number one album selling artist who shot to fame on YouTube – but Conor Maynard still managed to find time to make chicken nuggets at McDonald's in Burntwood.

Fans flocked to the restaurant in Milestone Way at 5.30pm last Wednesday after word got round that the 24-year-old singer-songwriter had turned up with his younger brother Jack.

Among them was Burntwood 21-year-old Karrina Willson, who drove there after her 13-year-old sister told her about the star's surprise appearance. She said: "We got inside, and he was cooking chicken nuggets."

HR and admin worker Karrina later posted a video of the scenes to Facebook.

McDonald's said the brothers were there for some filming.

Council to consider schemes

PLANNING applications received by Lichfield District Council include:

82 Meg Lane, Burntwood – single-storey rear extension to form kitchen, dining room, family room, new dormer window to rear and porch to front.

197 Rugeley Road, Chase Terrace – retention of detached garage to rear.

Briar Cottage, Chapel Lane, Gentleshaw – single-storey oak-frame extension to form sunroom.

8 Ogley Hay Road, Hammerwich – two-storey side extension to form utility, store, WC and bedroom.

30 Lichfield Road, Handsacre – installation of dropped kerb.

Swallows Barn, Lichfield Road, Hamstall Ridware – installation of two rooflights to rear and bricking-up of side window.

Comments must be received by February 13.

Film show at next meeting

MEN OF BURNTWOOD'S second monthly meeting of 2017 will be held on Wednesday, February 8, starting at 7.40pm.

It will feature a nostalgic film show presented by John Colley.

The venue is St Matthews Sports & Social Club in St Matthew's Road, Burntwood.

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Extra help for water customers

SEVERN Trent is reminding customers about the Big Difference Scheme that could help them save up to 90 per cent off their water bill.

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Mark Grice, from Severn Trent, said: "We know this time of year can be really difficult for people – bills mount up and with Christmas just a few weeks ago many people find they have stretched their monthly finances too far."

"The Big Difference Scheme is designed for absolutely anyone who is struggling to pay their bills. We know it can be easy to overspend and, if you find you're unable to pay your bill, then we can help you.

"In recent years we've helped people from a diverse range of backgrounds – from customers who are off work with poor health to families who struggle to make ends meet at the end of each month."

Severn Trent has a range of ways to help customers with their bills so, even if the Big Difference Scheme is not suitable, there may be another way for the company to help customers who are struggling.

To find out more, visit www.bigdiff.co.uk

Record numbers are sleeping on streets

RECORD numbers of people are sleeping rough on the streets of Staffordshire and the Black Country, new figures show.

A total of 78 people are sleeping rough in the region – the highest since records began in 2010.

According to the figures, released by the Department for Communities and Local Government, Walsall had the most rough sleepers last year with 26 – an increase of nearly 400 per cent on the seven in 2015.

Wolverhampton had 18 in 2016, while Sandwell had 11, Cannock Chase four, Dudley three and South Staffordshire one.

As well as Walsall, Wolverhampton has also seen a rise. Thirteen people were recorded sleeping rough in the city in 2015.

In Staffordshire, the number of rough sleepers is a lot smaller on the whole.

Contacted

The exception is the 15 in Stafford, which has gone up from five in 2015. Stafford Borough Council has secured funding of more than £200,000 to tackle the issue.

The next highest was Cannock Chase with four, the same as the number recorded in 2015. A spokesman for Cannock Chase Council said: "In most cases the rough sleepers reported are usually single males and will be contacted where possible.

"There are a number of reasons why people may be sleeping rough.

"The most common ones are relationship breakdown and/or family exclusion.

"In some cases a person's mental health or possible drug use may have also played a part in losing access to accommodation."

South Staffordshire has one rough sleeper, compared with two in 2015.

Councillor Roy Wright, cabinet member for direct services at South Staffordshire Council, said the council's priority was to use emergency accommodation and to liaise with other agencies.

Award for Screwfix staff

Staff at Screwfix in Bridgtown are celebrating their award

THE Screwfix team in Bridgtown are celebrating after scooping the company's highest accolade.

Beating off competition from more than 490 branches up and down the country, the Cannock store was named the Screwfix Store of the Year 2016. Graham Bell, Screwfix's store operations and property director, visited the store during the competition.

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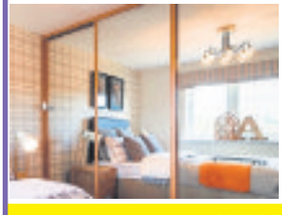

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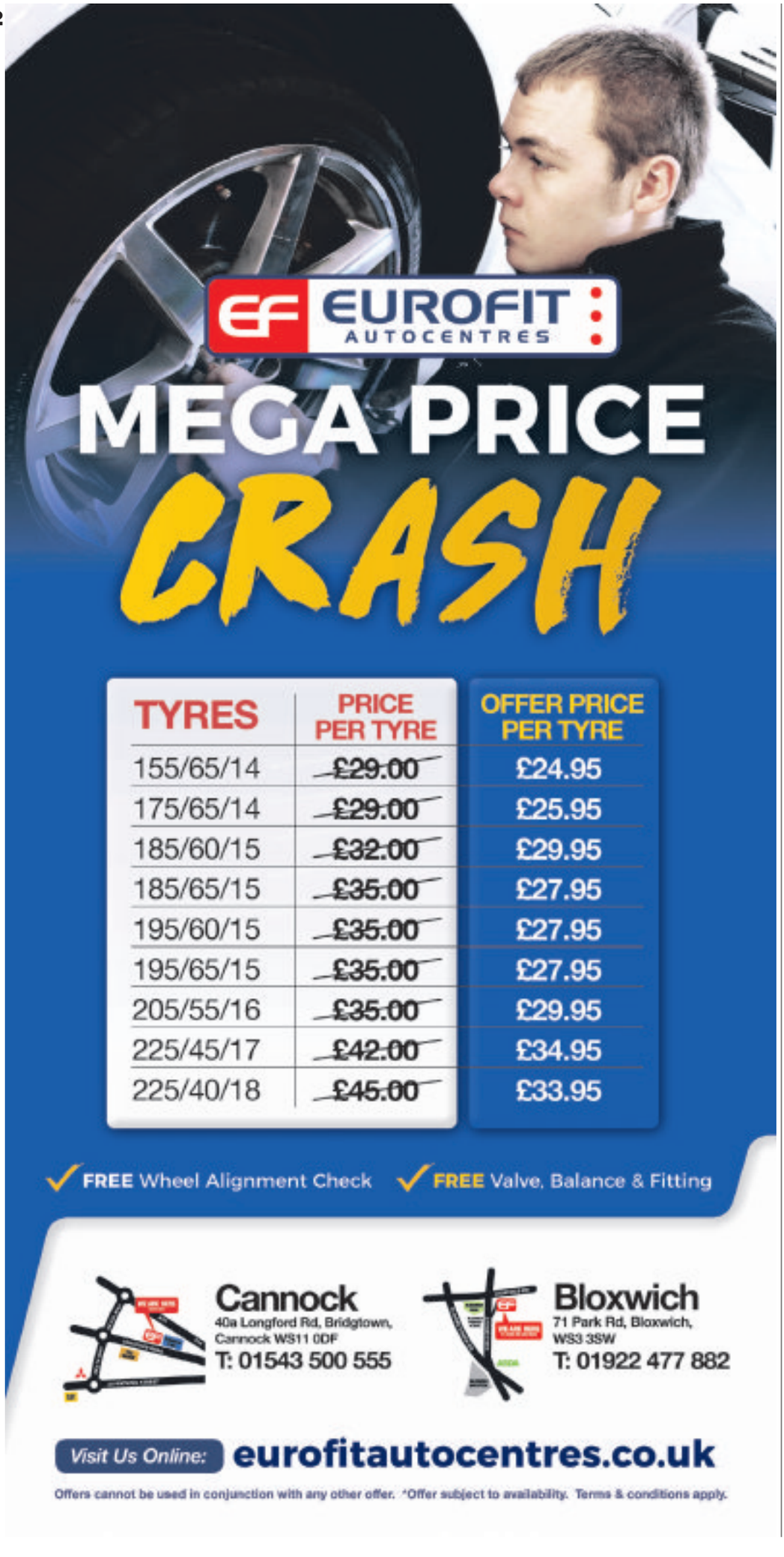

Co-op to help good causes

THE Co-op has set a target of recruiting 100,000 new members in the West Midlands region in 2017 – and a Bafta-winning film maker will help them in their efforts.

Key to the Co-op's recruitment is its pledge to donate one per cent of members' purchases of own-brand products to good causes in each local community.

There are more than 80 good causes in communities that will share in an estimated £145,000 raised from the Co-op's members. Members can choose which cause they wish to support through their membership account. Film maker Shane Meadows, who won a Bafta for This England, has made a short film to highlight the funding which will be shown in cinemas throughout the country before the film Trainspotting 2.

Community groups that Co-op members are supporting include Burntwood and District Community First Responders; Saxon Hill Academy, Lichfield; Penkridge & District Community First Responders; Stafford & Rugeley Unit 398 of Sea Cadet Corps.

Smoking costs councils £50m a year on care

SMOKING costs councils in Staffordshire and the Black Country more than £50 million a year, according to new figures. The Action on Smoking and Health group has warned that the habit is adding to Britain's social care crisis.

It says local authorities are having to fork out millions of pounds on caring for people with smoking-related illnesses. In 2015-16 smokers in Dudley racked up the highest cost in the Black Country of £9.3m while Sandwell Council forked out £7.6m. In Walsall smoking cost the council £7.1m to deal with and in Wolverhampton £6.9m.

In the whole of Staffordshire the smoking bill clocked in at just over £20m including £3.1m in Cannock, £2.9m in Stafford and £1.9m in South Staffordshire.

Staffordshire County Councillor Alan White, health and wellbeing boss, said: "The cost of smoking to Staffordshire is around £20 million a year.

"But the cost to the individual is much more, given that half of all smokers die from smoking-related illnesses."

The figures have been included in an all-party Parliamentary group (APPG) on Smoking and Health Report.

Impact

A Wolverhampton council spokesman said: "Smoking has a massively detrimental effect on individuals' own health and also puts additional pressure on NHS services."

Councillor Rachel Harris, cabinet member for health and wellbeing in Dudley, said: "The effect of smoking on people's health and wellbeing inevitably has a significant impact on social care and other council services.

"We always take part in initiatives such as Stoptober to encourage people to quit the habit."

Councils in Sandwell and Walsall were unable to comment on the report.

Scores of ale fans pour in for festival

Some of the 700 ale fans at the festival *Picture: Robert Ings*

THE beer just about lasted, with more than 30 real ales almost selling out, and the pork pies were gone in one day.

That was the measure of how the 700 visitors enjoyed the Winter Beer Festival at Lichfield Guildhall last Friday and Saturday.

Lichfield Arts ordered in a broad range of real ales for the festival including many from local and regional breweries, plus a selection of traditional ciders and perries.

In addition, there was live music on both evenings performed by two of Lichfield's most popular bands – on Friday live entertainment was provided by 3's Company with their covers of music from the 1960s to the 1990s, and on Saturday, Last Orders hit the stage with versions of classic rock songs.

Lichfield Arts chair Jeff Fowler said: "This is a wonderful community event enjoyed by young and old."

Organisers say the next beer festival will take place on October 20 and 21.

Donor sessions

BLOOD donation sessions are being held in Cannock in the coming weeks. The next one is on Monday from 1pm to 7.30pm at the Church of Latter Day Saints in New Penkridge Road. Sessions will also be held on March 13 and April 10.

Antibiotics campaign

HUNDREDS of people have backed a campaign aimed at protecting antibiotics for future generations by preventing them from becoming obsolete.

In Wolverhampton, awareness is being raised through the Wolverhampton Together – Protecting our Antibiotics campaign, which encourages the public and health workers to show their support by signing up to become an Antibiotic Guardian.

Find out more at www.antibioticguardian.com

Options for new link road go on display

DOZENS of people attended a consultation on plans that could see the installation of a new link road to a former factory in Featherstone.

Residents went to the meeting to see developer's options for creating access to the former Royal Ordnance Factory.

The aim of the works, according to the plans, is to 'improve the road network to support the development of ROF Featherstone as a business site'. Developers Amey, along with Staffordshire County Council, have come up with nine options the public is being consulted on.

Two out of the nine options are considered to be the developers' and the council's preferred routes.

Staffordshire County Council's Councillor Mark Winnington said: "Throughout this process we want the community involved." To get involved visit www.staffordshire.gov.uk/transport/ROF-Featherstone-consultation/ROF-Featherstone-consultation.aspx

Gear up for racing and rally legends

COMPETITION

GET revved up you motor fans, a fantastic line-up of rallying and racing legends is joining the 15th anniversary 'Super Show' celebrations of Race Retro.

The international historic motorsport show returns to Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire, from Friday, February 24- Sunday, February 26. And 15 readers will have to chance to win a pair of tickets.

The 'Flying Finns' of rally drivers Ari Vatanen and Markku Alén will both be in action, behind the wheel on the Live Rally Stage, joining the 70-80 cars and drivers from Rallying with Group B, while inside the halls Le Mans legend Tom Kristensen will be on the Motor Sport Live Stage along with motorcycle champion 'Fast' Freddie Spencer.

Vatanen appears on Saturday and Sunday, while Alén will be in the show on Friday afternoon before driving on Saturday. Kristensen also appears on Saturday as an inductee in the Motor Sport Hall of Fame. Spencer, nominated as an inductee for 2017, appears Saturday and Sunday.

The Motor Sport Hall of Fame will see an entire hall dedicated to inductees into this auspicious role of honour. Visitors will get the chance to see cars and bikes linked to Hall of Fame inductees from racing and rallying as well as enjoying live interviews with the stars on the Motor Sport Live Stage.

There will be a celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Cosworth DFV, curated by designer Mike Costin, with cars including Keke Rosberg's Williams FW08, a Cosworth 4-wd and a McLaren 23 on display

There will also be a tribute to Jim Clark with the first appearance in over four decades of the Lotus 33 chassis R11 which is about to benefit from a sympathetic restoration by Classic Team Lotus, with Clive Chapman at the show to talk about the project.

Show is a must date for all the retro car fans

Race Retro will also mark 40-years of Donington Park with a display from the Donington Grand Prix Collection as well as highlighting the teenagers competing in Historic Motorsport as an avenue to becoming a professional racing driver in 'Teenage Kicks'.

The halls will have more classic cars and historic motorsport vehicles than ever before covering all disciplines from Formula One to hill climbing, rally to GT cars, with fantastic displays by motorsport clubs from around the UK.

Silverstone Auctions return with two sales – its traditional Classics vehicle sale on Sunday along with a dedicated Competition Car sale on Saturday.

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HOW TO ENTER

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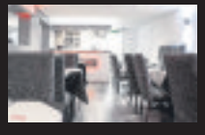

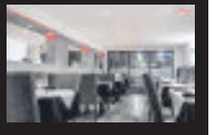

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Plea for more parades cash snubbed by chiefs

PLEAS for Walsall Council to hand over more money so Remembrance Day Parades can go ahead this year are being resisted with bosses saying the authority's decision will not change.

Parades had been under threat last year after West Midlands Police said it would no longer be providing officers for traffic management duties.

However in December, Walsall Council's cabinet agreed to provide 30 per cent of traffic management costs, up to a cap of £1,000 per parade, for the years 2017, 2018 and 2019, with the contribution being reviewed in the financial year 2019/20.

Despite this, calls are now being made for the council to increase that provision to 50 per cent, with the average cost for organising the parades coming in at around £4,250, according to a petitioner who has collected more than 600 signatures backing their request in just over a week.

Estimated

An e-petition, which was set up by Tam Miller, a member of Walsall Council's Remembrance Day Working Group currently has 658 backers.

Councillor Gary Perry, who is vice chairman of the Pelsall Royal British Legion and also a member of the working group, said estimated costs given to parade organisers for hiring staff to carry out traffic management duties didn't include 20 per cent VAT, leaving them with a mountain to climb.

He said: "The situation is simple that while we obviously appreciate the efforts the council have made, the estimates we were given and the ones we are getting now are different because the original estimates did not include VAT. I hope we can reach a conclusion on this because I have said many times in the past, this is the one issue where we should all be united on and work together to make sure these parades happen."

Council leader Sean Coughlan has said that he is 'disappointed' that the working group is seeking to reopen the funding debate following the decision made in December.

He said: "Members of the Working Party had the opportunity to call in or freeze the cabinet decision.

"They did not do so and therefore, I am disappointed to hear that the Remembrance Day Working Group met last week and is seeking to reopen a debate on the funding and arrangement of future parades in the borough.

"My cabinet agreed a solution in December. That was a difficult decision for two reasons – firstly, we have been placed in this position by the police changing their policy and leaving it to others to fill that gap and secondly, this council faces £86m of savings over four years.

"We did not have a budget for these parades but have prioritised that expenditure for the next three years so we can give some certainty to event organisers to plan and fundraise for their events."

The council leader pointed to work he is doing himself with the Willenhall Royal British Legion in terms of fundraising to offer an example up to other groups.

The remembrance parade which took place in Walsall town centre last year

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Work starts on new £6m apartments

Councillor David Salter, centre, left, chairman of Lichfield District Council, cuts the sod with Bromford's sales and marketing director Penny Downing, centre, right, at the new Lichfield One site

WORK has started on transforming the site of a former sheltered housing scheme into a multi-million pound housing development.

The site in Lower Sandford Street, Lichfield, has stood empty since Bromford residents were moved from Sandford Gate to new purpose-built apartments in 2013 as part of the £14 million Friary Outer project. Now that the building has been demolished, construction work has started on the new £6m Lichfield One development of 33 apartments for outright sale.

Councillors, representatives from Lichfield District Council and Bromford directors attended a sod-cutting ceremony to mark the start of the project. The foundations are now being installed before the central steel structure begins to rise from the ground in March or April.

Councillor David Salter, chairman of the district council, said: "It is great to see the project really get under way."

Penny Downing, Bromford's sales and marketing director, said: "With its close proximity to Beacon Park and Lichfield Cathedral, we expect Lichfield One to be extremely popular."

New HS2 boss in 'jobs for the boys' dispute

THE taxpayer-funded company behind HS2 has been accused of 'jobs for the boys' after its new boss was hired from one of the project's main contractors.

Campaigners said Mark Thurston will still have the biggest public sector salary when he takes up the £535,000 post as HS2 Ltd chief executive later this year, even though his predecessor Simon Kirby earned £750,000.

Mr Thurston had previously been in charge of all European affairs for engineering firm CH2M which has won contracts on the new high-speed rail line worth about £400 million.

Stop HS2 campaign manager Joe Rukin said: "We have always said HS2 is all about jobs for the boys, and the bosses seem to be running their own gravy train, endlessly appointing their old cronies.

"Over half a million may be a pay cut for the post, but it is still a grotesque salary, higher than anyone else in the civil service is getting, and comes at a time when frontline staff across the public sector are facing pay freezes and redundancy."

Mark Thurston – salary of £535,000

Mr Thurston will be entitled to a bonus of up to £53,500 a year and a pension allowance of £65,000.

Temporary HS2 Ltd chief executive Roy Hill is also an employee at CH2M. But Sir David Higgins, outgoing chairman of HS2 Ltd, denied there was a conflict of interests in Mr Thurston's appointment.

"As part of our search for Simon Kirby's replacement I spoke to 20 potential candidates across four continents.

"Mark stood out because he combined a lifetime's experience in the rail industry in the UK with the skill set you acquire working at a global level. Over the next 10 years he can now use that experience to make HS2 a reality.

"At the same time we recognise the need to avoid any conflict of interest so he will cut all links with his previous employer.

"They will be treated in the same way as any other supplier – no more or less favourably than that.

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Threats will not halt mother's campaign

A FAMILY who turned heartbreak into fundraising after their daughter was diagnosed with cystic fibrosis have been targeted by internet trolls.

Mother Samantha Carrier, from Dudley, has been subjected to abuse since she uploaded a video on social media which showed the harsh realities of the disease.

It showed Samantha performing physiotherapy on her daughter, Daisy, which she has to do to help the child breathe better by clearing mucus from her chest.

Thousands of people have criticised Samantha over the video, which has received over 150,000 views, asking such questions as 'how can you do that to a baby' and 'you'll break her ribs'.

But Samantha states that the threats she's received have 'spurred' her on to fundraise for Cystic Fibrosis Trust.

Samantha Carrier with daughter Daisy, who has to have regular physiotherapy

Awareness

She said: "I've been trying to raise awareness since Daisy was first diagnosed but everything went through the roof after I uploaded the video.

"People have been saying that I'm beating my own child. Someone even messaged me to say that I should have my head chopped off.

"We have to do the physiotherapy three times a day, even if we're out, so I thought I'd do the video to raise awareness, as not many people would know what I was doing."

She added: "I didn't let the horrible messages get to me, if anything, it's spurred me on to raise even more awareness."

Samantha and her husband began fundraising when they found out about the diagnosis and raised £676 within seven days. Since then, the family have raised more than £1,100. Samantha said that she has also had positive messages from parents around the world.

"I've had mothers from Korea and America message me and tell me how fantastic the video. It's nice to see that the campaigning I'm doing is helping people all around the world."

Dudley North MP Ian Austin MP is backing the family by campaigning for a potential life-saving drug for the disease, Orkambi, which can treat the symptoms, to be available in the UK. Mr Austin urged the Government to listen to the recommendations of the NHS Accelerated Access Review which could change the way the new drugs are assessed.

He said in Parliament: "These new treatments can transform people's lives, but thousands of people are set to miss out on these new drugs under the current rules.

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Spotting the signs and dealing with damp

DAMP plaster is unpleasant to live with, especially at this time of year, and can affect the whole room, but what can you do about it? JULIA GRAY gives the following advice:

1. Penetrating damp happens when there's a problem with the fabric of the building.

While the damp usually moves horizontally from the outside in, it can appear on ceilings (see below) as well as walls.

Defective or missing flashing on the roof, defective or blocked guttering, defective pointing and brickwork, and cracked or missing render typically cause penetrating damp, although there may be other causes. Sometimes what appears to be damp may actually be condensation.

2. If the lower part of a wall is damp, it's probably rising damp (water coming up from the ground).

The solution may be a new damp-proof course, installed by a specialist damp company (other damp-proofing solutions are available).

Once the bricks are damp, the moisture usually transfers to the plaster inside – tell-tale signs include dark patches and blistering/bubbling paint, but it's not always obvious that the plaster is damp. Damp plaster should be removed to expose the bricks underneath – letting them dry out is a good idea, but it can take a very long time.

3. If you can't wait, get a plasterer to do a waterproof render and then replaster, so there's a barrier between the moisture in the bricks and the new plaster.

This is a messy process and if you get a specialist damp company to do it, it may be expensive, but they should provide a guarantee.

Most plasterers won't give you a guarantee, but should charge a lot less.

The key is to get an experienced and reputable plasterer who knows what they're doing and uses the right products. If the waterproof render isn't done correctly, the damp will come back through the plaster, which is disastrous.

4. Sometimes the damp-proof course is simply being prevented from doing its job.

You should be able to see it along your home's exterior walls – look for a row of small holes a little way up from the ground. In old properties, slate was used as the original damp-proof course and is sometimes still in place.

If the level of your garden, patio or path is higher than the damp-proof course, for example, it won't work properly.

5. Perhaps you've noticed damp on a chimney breast, or where the chimney breast would have originally been?

This could be because the chimney stack needs repairs, the chimney pot isn't capped, or the chimney breast isn't ventilated properly indoors.

When a fireplace opening is sealed up, a vent should be fitted, but isn't always (it's a relatively straightforward DIY job to fit one), and vents can get blocked with dust and debris.

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HOW-TO TIP

The quickest and easiest DIY way to deal with damp plaster is to cover it with anti-damp paint and then repaint the topcoat.

Anti-damp paint is usually really thick, so apply it with a brush (to get lots on) and then use a mini foam roller to get a good, flat finish.

Leave it to dry thoroughly – see the manufacturer's instructions – and apply a second coat if recommended. Anti-damp paint works well for a while, but, in my experience, is rarely able to hold back damp long term.

The industrial look is edgy and contemporary

Keep it simple with just one main colour to add interest

Beanbags and blankets add extra comfort

Go wild, try tropical or embrace cosy comfort

By Sam Wylie-Harris

PLANNING a little home makeover this year?

You can make the most of your space with some simple changes to fabrics, furnishings and decoration.

Here we run through six key looks to consider:

A SHORE THING

You don't need to book a seaside holiday to be near the coast, when you can introduce a few nautical-themed pieces and a colour palette of blues and corals.

Chambray stripes, fish motifs on chinaware, anything with an anchor and rattan lanterns will all flow easily together. This timeless look never loses its charm.

TOTALLY TROPICAL

Creating a tropical paradise at home is far quicker – and less stressful and expensive – than booking a long-haul flight. Think lush palms and plants galore – whether the real thing (or you can get some great, zero-maintenance fake ones these days!) in pots around rooms, or in designs on wallpaper, fabrics or in artwork.

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TRIBAL TOUCH

Travel has never been more popular - and, naturally, it's influencing our interiors, too.

With a mix of Asian, Indian and South American treatments, a vibrant colour palette, embroidered floor cushions, pom-pom-adorned throws, 'a little something' from a souk, arts and crafts from various cultures and an ethnic rug can hint at Zanzibar style with a modern, bohemian take.

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INDUSTRIAL

Exposed brick walls, stripped-back floorboards, furniture made from hard-wearing materials such as enamel, aluminium and oak, evoke an edgy, industrial feel that complements monochrome tones and graphic prints.

Hipster and contemporary, cast iron dishes, metal work and wire storage will suit the inventory.

AIRY FAIRY

The ethereal look taps into our current love affair with all things hygge (in other words; cosy, comforting and feel-good) while also being light, cool and refreshing.

Think tactile textures, pastel hues and a mix of patterns that are elegant and graceful.

Using premium materials, such as marble and brass, quilted throws, embroidered cushions and a mix of tableware patterns completes the look.

The nautical look is always popular and can easily be adapted to suit virtually any room in the house

Stripes and leaves create a focal point for this striking interior

Bright colours will help create a holiday vibe

PROPERTY

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A well-presented family home on a sought-after estate

This well presented family home in Priory Avenue, Rugeley, lies on the sought after Hawksyard Estate.

It is for sale through JR Properties at £264,950.

Its accommodation briefly comprises an entrance hallway, a guest cloakroom/WC, a study, lounge, breakfast kitchen, conservatory, landing, master bedroom en-suite, three further bedrooms and a bathroom, driveway, garage and gardens.

In more detail the entrance hall has stairs and the cloakroom/WC off and an under-stairs storage cupboard and laminate flooring.

The study overlooks the front and has laminate flooring. With a feature fire surround with a marble hearth housing a gas fire, the lounge also overlooks the front and has a door to the family breakfast kitchen. This is fitted with a range of white gloss wall and base mounted units with work surfaces over, incorporating a built-in electric oven with a gas hob and extractor over, integrated dishwasher and fridge freezer. It also has laminate flooring and French doors leading to the conservatory.

The utility room has a range of wall and base mounted units with work surface over with a sink, space with plumbing for a washing machine, further appliance space and a wall mounted boiler, laminate flooring and a door to the side.

With a ceiling light/fan, the conservatory has laminate flooring and French doors to the rear garden. Off the first floor landing is loft access and an airing cupboard. Having a range of built-in wardrobes, the master bedroom overlooks the front and has an en-suite shower room. Bedroom two has built-in wardrobes and overlooks the front, while both bedrooms three and four have built-in wardrobes and overlook the rear.

The family bathroom has a bath with a shower over. Outside, to the front of the property is a lawned fore garden with a driveway leading to a detached garage. A gate leads into the rear garden which has a paved patio leading to lawn with borders and a further slabbed seating area. There is also an access door to the rear of the garage.

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- Two Reception Rooms
- Conservatory and Utility Room
- Refitted Upstairs Bathroom
- Conveniently Positioned
- EPC =D

Fieldhouse Road Hednesford

£159,950

- Semi Detached Family House
- Impressive 23ft Lounge Diner
- Kitchen & Downstairs Guest W.C.
- Refitted Upstairs Bathroom
- No Chain
- EPC = E

Rose Drive Clayhanger

£165,000

- Superbly Presented Semi Detached House
- Impressive 23ft Lounge Diner & Conservatory
- Three Well Proportioned Bedrooms
- Great Family Purchase

Mill Street Cannock Centre

£229,950

- Superb Four Bedroom Detached House
- Recently Renovated & Close to Cannock Town Centre
- Refitted En Suite Shower Room & Family Bathroom wi

Wellington Drive Cannock

£129,995

- Two Bedroom Semi Detached
- Refitted Breakfast Kitchen
- Lounge & Utility Room
- Ideal First Time Purchase
- Upstairs Shower Room
- EPC = D

Church Street Bridgtown

£119,950

- Traditional Mid Terrace House
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Refitted Kitchen &
- Three Bedrooms & First Floor WC
- Central Heating & Double Glazing
- EPC = D

Pye Green Road Cannock

£115,000

- Traditional Semi Detached House
- Two Well Proportioned Bedrooms
- Lounge & Refitted Kitchen
- Guest W.C & Upstairs Bathroom
- Conservatory & No Chain
- EPC = TBA

New Penkridge Road Cannock

£110,000

- First Floor Apartment
- Popular Town Centre Location
- Two Bedrooms & Family Bathroom
- Allocated Parking
- Ideally suited for a First Time Buyer
- EPC = TBC

Pye Green Road Cannock

£109,950

- Improved Mid Terrace House
- Two Reception Rooms
- Refitted Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Rear Drive and Garden
- EPC = D

Dorney Place Bridgtown

£102,950

- Two Bedroom Apartment
- Lounge Diner & Fitted Kitchen
- Allocated Parking
- Double glazing & Storage Heaters
- Ideal Investment
- EPC =TBC

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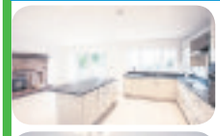
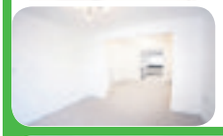
FREE VALUATIONS

NO CHAIN

Hatherton Road, Cannock



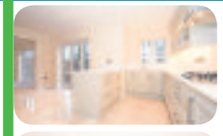


- Delightful Detached Family Home
- Garage & Extensive Gardens
- Stunning Open Plan Kitchen
- Fully Refurbished To High Spec
- Versatile Living Space
- Four Bedrooms
- Delightful Detached Home

£595,000

NEW BUILD

Eccleshall Road, Stafford



- Detached New Build Executive Home
- 4 Bedrooms
- Finished To High Spec
- Stylish En-suite Shower Room
- Open Plan Kitchen / Dining Room
- Immaculately Finished
- Brand New
- EPC - C

£335,000

Red Lion Lane, Norton Canes

- Immaculate Four Bed
- Detached Outbuilding
- Ensuite and Family Bathroom
- Stunning Kitchen Diner
- Utility and Downstairs WC
- Secure Parking at Rear

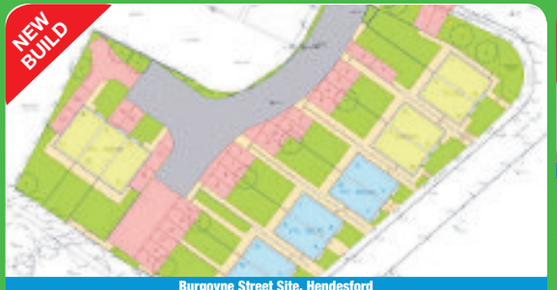
£270,000

George Street, Hednesford

- Impressive Corner Plot
- Detached Bungalow
- Two Bedrooms
- Double Garage
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Conservatory & Guest WC
- Landscaped Gardens
- No Upward Chain

£235,000

NEW BUILD



Burgoyne Street Site, Hendesford

- An Exciting New Build Development
- All 3 Bedrooms
- Construction in Progress
- Both 2 & 3 Storey
- Terraced & Semi- Detached Homes
- Available NOW !
- Last Few Plots Remaining

from £146,950

NO CHAIN

Ullswater Place, Cannock

- Detached Home
- 5 Bedrooms
- In Need Of Modernisation
- Large Rear Garden
- Close To Cannock Town

£210,000

Earlswood Way, Cannock

- Modern Townhouse
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge & Downstairs WC
- Stylish Kitchen Diner
- Close To Cannock Town
- Two Car Driveway
- Immaculate Condition

£165,000

Short Street, Cannock

- Charming Period Style Detached Home
- 4 Bedrooms
- Standing On Corner Plot
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Detached Double Garage
- Delightful Garden
- Viewing Essential
- EPC - TBC

£220,000

Carlisle Road, Cannock

- Three Bedroom Semi
- Living Room & Guest WC
- Kitchen & Dining Area
- Front & Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking
- No Upward Chain

£145,000

NEW

Sandpiper Close, Hednesford

- Two Bedroom End Terrace
- Modern Kitchen/Diner
- Porch & Living Room
- Enclsoed Rear Garden
- Allocated Parking Space
- No Chain Involved
- Double Glazing

£97,500

NEW

Mulberry Road, Cannock

- Semi Detached Bungalow
- One Double Bedroom
- Upvc Double Glazing
- Gas Fired Central Heating
- Attractive Gardens
- No Upward Chain
- Brick Built Stores

£95,000

Greig Court, Heath Hayes

- 1st Floor Apartment
- Double Bedroom
- Impressive Accommodation
- Parking
- Delightful Aspect
- EPC - C

£75,000

Helens Court, Hednesford Town Centre

- First Floor Apartment
- 2 Bedrooms
- Open Plan Lounge / Kitchen
- Close To Hednesford Rail Station
- Tenant In Situ / Ideal Buy To Let Purchase
- EPC - D

£95,000

Chorley Road, Burntwood

- Development Opportunity
- Planning for 7 Dwellings
- Delightful Location / Rural Aspect
- Full Planning Permission
- Viewing By Appointment

£750,000

COMMERCIAL

Spring Head, Wednesbury

- Investment Opportunity
- 9 Apartments 5 Shops
- Excellent Access & Parking
- Attractive Yield
- Early Viewing Recommended
- EPC - C - G

£700,000

COMMERCIAL

Gorsey Lane, Great Wyrley

- Mixed Commercial/Residential
- Three Bed Accommodation
- Established Retail Premises
- Generous Floor Space
- Convenient Location

£250,000

COMMERCIAL

Cannock Road, Chadsmoor

- Affordable Retail Opportunity
- Vacant Ground Floor Premises
- Versatile Accommodation
- Competitively Priced EPC - D
- Popular High Street Location
- Viewing Recommended

£6000 PA

Marwood Homes

Sales Lettings Commercial Surveys

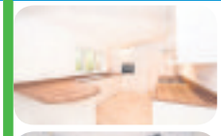
FREE VALUATIONS

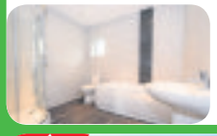
Hatton Road, Cannock

- Four Good Size Bedrooms
- Open Fields To The Front
- Two Reception Rooms
- Very Popular Location
- Carport & Garage
- Downstairs WC
- Lounge & Dining Room

£260,000

Bideford Way, Cannock





- Detached Bungalow
- 3 Double Bedrooms
- Large Living / Dining Room
- Master Bedroom & En-suite
- Fully Refurbished
- Stunning Conversation
- Popular Residential Area
- EPC - D

£250,000

Keys Park Road, Wimblebury

- Detached Family Home
- Three Double Bedrooms
- Bathroom & Ensuite
- Modern Kitchen & Utility
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Conservatory & Guest WC
- Large Block Paved Drive

£235,000

Weston Road, Stafford

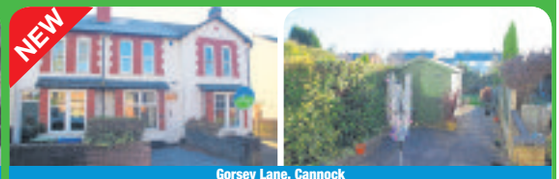
- Detached House on End Plot
- Very Well Presented
- Kitchen/Diner
- Lounge & Conservatory
- Detached Garage
- Good Size Front and Rear Gradens
- Must Be Viewed

£190,000

Partridge Close, Heath Hayes

- Four Bedrooms
- Two Ensuites
- Family Bathroom
- Lounge Diner
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Popular Location
- Popular Development

£184,950



Gorsey Lane, Cannock

- Traditional Terrace Home
- Two Reception Rooms
- Fitted Kitchen & Downstairs WC
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Upstairs Family Bathroom
- No Upward Chain
- Close To Cannock Town Centre

£169,995

Wordsworth Close, Cannock

- Semi - Detached Bungalow
- 2 Bedrooms
- Lounge / Diner
- Small Cul-de-sac
- Driveway
- Enclosed Rear Garden
- No Chain
- EPC - C

£125,000

Charlemonte Close, Hednesford

- Three Bedroom Mid Terrace
- Lounge & Kitchen/Diner
- Fully Upvc Double Glazing
- Part Gas Central Heating
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Garage In Block

£120,000

Chase Walk, Huntington

- Two Double Bedrooms
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Spacious Living Room
- Secure Off Road Parking
- Gas Combi Central Heating
- Fully Upvc Double Glazed
- Recently Rewired
- No Upward Chain

£110,000

Penkridge Court, Cannock

- Modern Ground Floor Apartment
- Desirable Location
- Lounge, Fitted Kitchen
- Double Bedroom
- Bathroom
- Designated Parking
- No Upward Chain

£84,995

Longacres, Cannock

- Ground Floor Flat
- No Upward Chain
- Private Rear Garden
- Gas Central Heating
- Conservatory & Garage

£75,000

Lupin Drive, Huntington

- Modern Second Floor Flat
- 40% Shared Ownership
- Generous Accommodation
- Immaculately Presented
- Two Double Bedrooms
- D/Glazed & Gas/C/Heating
- Energy Rating C

£41,000

Lomax Road, Hednesford

- Ground floor apartment
- Open plan lounge/kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Modern Style bathroom
- Double glazing & gas central heating
- Available March 2017

£485pcm Sorry no dss & no pets

Casa Mis Court, Hednesford

- Modern property
- Spacious lounge
- Kitchen with appliances
- Two double bedrooms
- Bathroom with shower over
- Parking

£525pcm Sorry no dss and no pets

Teddesley Way, Huntington

- Lounge
- Fitted kitchen
- Conservatory
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom with shower
- Garden

£600pcm Sorry no dss and No pets

Longford Road, Cannock

- Semi detached family home
- Fitted kitchen
- Lounge & dining room
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom with shower over the bath
- Available March 2017

£625pcm Sorry no dss & no pets

Littlewood Road, Cheslyn Hay

- Semi detached cottage
- Lounge with log fire
- Kitchen with some appliances
- Two double bedrooms
- Downstairs bathroom
- Available soon

£650pcm Sorry no dss & no pets

Tudor Close, Burntwood

- Family Home
- Through Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Garage

£695pcm Sorry no dss and no pets

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HADLEIGH HOUSE, 55 OLD PENKRIDGE ROAD, CANNOCK

SUPERBLY APPOINTED INDIVIDUAL ARCHITECT DESIGNED DETACHED FAMILY RESIDENCE OFFERING OUTSTANDING FOUR DOUBLE BEDROOMS AND FIVE RECEPTION ROOMS INCORPORATING HIGH SPECIFICATION INTELIGENT HOME HUB FACILITIES OCCUPYING EXCEPTIONALLY WELL POSITIONED PLOT WHICH EXTENDS TO APPROXIMATELY 0.42 OF AN ACRE LOCATED IN THIS PRIME RESIDENTIAL AREA OF THE TOWN CLOSE TO TOWN CENTRE FACILITIES AND THE SHOAL HILL DISTRICT OF CANNOCK

- ❖Recessed Canopy Porch
- ❖Impressive Reception Hall
- ❖Cloakroom
- ❖Five Reception Rooms
- ❖Bespoke Luxury Fitted Breakfast Kitchen
- ❖Utility Room
- ❖Central Galleried Landing
- ❖Four Double Bedrooms
- Two En-Suite Shower Rooms❖
- Luxury Family Bathroom❖
- Useful Attic Room❖
- Garaging For Three Cars❖
- Cloakroom off Main Garage❖
- Fully Double Glazed & Gas Fired Central Heating❖
- Intruder Alarm and CCTV❖
- EPC Rating C (71)❖

❖Home Network with Audio Visual and Surround Sound System❖
❖Landscaped South Facing Rear Gardens Which Extends to Approximately 0.42 Of An Acre With "In and Out" Drive❖
❖Inspection Essential To Fully Appreciate This Superbly Appointed Family Residence❖

PRICE £950,000 FREEHOLD

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NO CHAIN

ATTRACTIVE WELL EQUIPPED PARK HOME ON ESTABLISHED PARK HOME SITE ADJACENT TO CANAL TWO PATH WITHIN A SHORT WALK OF TOWN CENTRE AND WIDE RANGE OF FACILITIES

- ◆ Canopy porch
- ◆ Lounge/dining area
- ◆ Kitchen
- ◆ Two bedrooms
- ◆ Shower room
- ◆ Utility
- ◆ Gas fired central heating (LPG)
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Allocated parking
- ◆ For persons agred 50 and over

£80,000 LEASEHOLD

77 NEW STREET, CHASE TERRACE.

NO CHAIN

SEMI DETACHED HOUSE OF CHARACTER OCCUPYING CORNER PLOT GARDENS With Potential for Extensions, Improvements and For Providing Extensive Off Road Parking/Garaging

- ◆ Lounge/dining area
- ◆ Breakfast kitchen
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Landing
- ◆ Two double bedrooms
- ◆ Ornamental corner plot gardens
- ◆ Extensive off road parking
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Predominantly double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating tbc

£169,950 FREEHOLD

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23 WHITBY WAY, CANNOCK

NO CHAIN

WELL EQUIPPED THREE BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE Located In Popular Residential Area Convenient For Facilities Locally

- ◆ Reception hall
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Refitted kitchen
- ◆ Landing
- ◆ Three bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom and separate toilet
- ◆ Gardens and off road parking
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating C (67)

£146,950 FREEHOLD

11 WALHOUSE STREET, CANNOCK

CONSIDERABLY IMPROVED WELL EQUIPPED INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED DETACHED DORMER HOUSE INCORPORATING FLEXIBLE 3/4 BEDROOMED ACCOMMODATION Located In Popular Residential Area Convenient For Facilties at the Town Centre

- ◆ Reception hall
- ◆ Two reception rooms
- ◆ Kitchen
- ◆ Four bedrooms
- ◆ Refitted bathroom and ensuite shower room
- ◆ Detached double width garage
- ◆ Gardens
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating E (42)

£220,000 FREEHOLD

5 REMINGTON DRIVE, CANNOCK

SEMI DETACHED TWO BEDROOMED BUNGALOW Located In This Popular Cul-Dd-Sac Sheltered Housing Scheme Convenient For Facilities At The Town Centre

- ◆ Reception hall
- ◆ Lounge ◆ Refitted kitchen
- ◆ Two bedrooms
- ◆ Refitted wet room shower room
- ◆ Fully double glazed & gas fired central heating
- ◆ Landscaped communal grounds
- ◆ Personal alarm system
- ◆ For persons over 55 years of age
- ◆ EPC rating D (68)

£126,950 LEASEHOLD

47 SANDY LANE, CANNOCK

NO CHAIN

IMPROVED WELL EQUIPPED FOUR BEDROOMED DETACHED HOUSE Located In Much Sought After Residential Area Close To The Shoal Hill District Of Cannock Chase And Overlooking Greenbelt Farmland To The Front

- ◆ Lounge/dining area
- ◆ Double glazed conservatory
- ◆ Kitchen
- ◆ Lobby and shower room with WC
- ◆ Four bedrooms
- ◆ Refitted bathroom
- ◆ Integral garage (limited length)
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating E (47)

£239,950 FREEHOLD

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- ❖Breakfast Kitchen
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- ❖Family Bathroom and En-Suite Shower Room
- ❖Second Floor Bedroom with En-Suite and Dressing Room
- ❖Private Garden at Rear
- ❖Garage
- ❖Gas Fired Central Heating
- ❖Fully Double Glazed

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3 CHARLEMONTE CLOSE, HEDNESFORD

NO CHAIN

RECENTLY REFURBISHED THREE BEDROOM MID TERRACE HOUSELocated In Popular Residential Area

- ◆ Enclosed porch
- ◆ Dining area
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Kitchen
- ◆ Three bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Fully double glazed & gas central heating
- ◆ Garage in court
- ◆ Off road parking to front
- ◆ EPC rating D (56)

£129,950 FREEHOLD

FLAT 5, TEDDESLEY HOUSE, CLAY STREET, PENKRIDGE

WELL EQUIPPED FIRST FLOOR TWO BEDROOMED APARTMENT Conveniently Located For Facilities Of The Centre Of The Popular Market Village Of Penkridge

- ◆ Communal hall, stairs and landing
- ◆ Reception hall
- ◆ Lounge ◆ Fitted kitchen
- ◆ Bathroom and en-suite shower room
- ◆ Two bedrooms
- ◆ Allocated parking space
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating C (80)

£149,950

FLAT 23 ROWAN CLOSE, HUNTINGTON

NEW PRICE

EXTREMELY WELL APPOINTED TWO BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR APARTMENT Located In Popular Residential Area

- ◆ Reception hall
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Dining kitchen
- ◆ Two double bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Gas central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Allocated parking space
- ◆ Inspection highly recommended
- ◆ EPC rating B (81)

£104,950

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3 OLD PENKRIDGE MEWS, CANNOCK

WELL EQUIPPED ONE BEDROOMED GROUND FLOOR APARTMENTConveniently Located For All Facilities At The Town Centre

- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bedroom
- Shower Room
- Fully double glazed
- Allocatd parking space & communal grounds
- Gas fired central heating
- Security phone system
- EPC rating C (71)

£90,000

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24 ORCHARD AVENUE, CANNOCK

NO CHAIN

TWO BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED BUNGALOW OCCUPYING WELL STOCKED LARGER GARDENS Located In Cul-De-Sac In Much Sought After Residential Area of the Town Convenient For Facilities At The Town Centre and Access to Cannock Chase

- Side entrance hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Garage
- Well stocked gardens
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating tbc

£167,950 FREEHOLD

7 LOVATT PLACE, CANNOCK

THREE BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
Located In Popular Cul-De-Sac Convenient For Facilities at the Town Centre

- Lounge & dining area
- Kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Ensuite shower room
- Bathroom
- Gardens
- Garage
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating C (72)

£146,950

11 DARTMOUTH ROAD, CANNOCK

THREE BEDROOMED DETACHED HOUSE BUILT IN THE POPULAR INTER WAR PERIOD
Located In Much Sought After Residential Area of The Town Convenient For Access To Facilities at the Town Centre

- Lounge
- Dining room
- Kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gardens
- Built On Garage
- Predominantly double glazed
- Gas fired central heating
- EPC rating E (51)

£229,950 FREEHOLD

RESIDENTIAL LETTINGS

44 BROOK LANE, GREAT WYRLEY

SPACIOUS THREE BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR FLAT

- Entrance hall
- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Separate WC
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Sorry n pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating C (71)

£525pcm

33 POPLAR LANE, CANNOCK

THREE BEDROOM DETACHED BUNGALOW
Located In Sought After Residential Area

- Kitchen
- Lounge
- Three bedrooms
- Fully tiled shower room
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Off road parking
- Sorry no smokers or DSS allowed
- Pets considered
- EPC rating: C (69)

£700 pcm

56 DARTMOUTH ROAD, CANNOCK

TWO BEDROOMED END MEWS HOUSE
Conveniently Located For Facilities at the Town Centre

- Entrance hall
- Sitting room and living room
- Kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gardens
- Gas fired central heating & all windows are double glazed
- Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers
- EPC rating D (61)

£525 pcm

8 WATERSMEAD CLOSE, WIMBLEBURY

UNDER APPLICATION

WELL MAINTAINED TWO BEDROOMED MID MEWS HOUSE
Located In Popular Residential Area

- Lounge
- Newly installed kitched
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Gardens
- Parking space
- Sorry No DSS, pets or smokers
- EPC rating C (75)

£600 pcm

17 PILLATON DRIVE, HUNTINGTON

DETACHED THREE BEDROOM HOUSE
Located In Popular Cul-de-sac

- Lounge/dining room
- Kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- En-suite shower room
- Family bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS allowed
- EPC rating: D (64)

£675 pcm

195A CANNOCK ROAD, CHADSMOOR

REFURBISHED TWO BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR FLAT

- Entrance lobby
- Hall
- Lounge/kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Refitted shower room
- Double glazed
- Electric heating
- Off road parking
- Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS allowed
- EPC rating: F (32)

£395pcm

45 LONG LANE, NEWTOWN

REFURBISHED SPACIOUS TWO BEDROOMED DETACHED BUNGALOWLocated In Sought After Area With Farmland To Rear

- Lounge
- Refitted kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Refitted bathroom
- Separate WC
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Large gardens
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: D (66)

£800 pcm

4 LANCASTER HOUSE, HEATH HAYES

UNDER APPLICATION

ONE BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR FLAT

- Entrance lobby
- Open plan lounge/kitchen
- Bedroom
- Bathroom
- Electric heating
- All windows double glazed
- Sorry No smokers or pets
- DSS considered
- EPC rating C (76)

£395 pcm

44 ROWLEY CLOSE, HEDNESFORD

THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
Adjoining Cannock Chase To The Rear

- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Separate WC
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- DSS considered
- Sorry no pets or smokers
- EPC rating: G (15)

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34 CHESTNUT DRIVE, GREAT WYRLEY

UNDER APPLICATION

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Located In Popular Residential Area

- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- Cloaksroom with wc
- UPVC double glazed conservatory
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- Bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
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- EPC rating: E (46)

£695 pcm

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UNDER APPLICATION

TWO BEDROOMED GROUND FLOOR APARTMENT
Located Conveniently For Penkridge Village

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- Kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- En-suite shower room
- Bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Intruder alarm
- Allocated parking
- EPC rating: B (81)

£525 pcm

15 PARTRIDGE CLOSE, HEATH HAYES

UNDER APPLICATION

WELL EQUIPPED TWO BEDROOMED END MEWS HOUSE
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- Fitted kitchen
- Guest cloaksroom with WC
- Landing
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- Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers

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SINGLE STOREY BARN CONVERSION
Situated on the Picturesque Rural Estate of Teddesley Park

- Fitted dining kitchen
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- Family bathroom
- Communal landscaped gardens
- Oil fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Sorry No pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating C (69)

£615pcm

2 MILL PLACE, TEDDESLEY PARK ESTATE, PENKRIDGE

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- Lounge
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- Inner hall
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- Family bathroom
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- Fully double glazed
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£174,950

Bagnall Way, Hawksyard

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KITCHEN	LOUNGE
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TWO BEDROOMS		

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TWO BEDROOMS	EPC C

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SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY	REAR GARDEN
KITCHEN	LOUNGE
TWO BEDROOMS	AWAITING EPC

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NO CHAIN	LOUNGE/DINER
THREE BEDROOMS	EPC D

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THREE BEDROOMS	EPC D

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DETACHED PROPERTY	GARAGE
EN SUITE	KITCHEN/DINER
THREE BEDROOMS	EPC B

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SUITE		CONSERVATORY EPC D
FOUR BEDROOMS		

Poplar Lane, Cannock

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5 Day Breaks

Tour Name	Dates	Available pickups in your area	Price
Blackpool, Tower Ballroom & the Settle to Carlisle Railway	Mon 10 to Fri 14 Apr	Dudley, Halesowen, Kidderminster, Stourport, Wolverhampton	£259
Brighton & Scenic Sussex	Mon 3 to Fri 7 Apr	Bridgnorth, Cannock, Donnington, Dudley, Halesowen, Kidderminster, Oswestry, Shrewsbury, Stourport, Telford, Wellington (Shrops.), Wolverhampton	£259
Cheshire Gardens & Cruising the Manchester Ship Canal	Sun 30 Apr to Thu 4 May	Bridgnorth, Dudley, Halesowen, Kidderminster, Ludlow, Shrewsbury, Stafford, Stone, Stourport, Telford, Walsall, Wellington (Shrops.), Wolverhampton	£319
Discover the Lovely English Lake District	Mon 8 to Fri 12 May	Dudley, Halesowen, Kidderminster, Shrewsbury, Stafford, Telford, Walsall, Wellington (Shrops.), Welshpool, Wolverhampton	£319
Eastbourne & the Bluebell Railway	Mon 17 to Fri 21 Apr	Cannock, Donnington, Oswestry, Shrewsbury, Telford, Wellington (Shrops.)	£249
	Mon 26 to Fri 30 Jun	Bridgnorth, Dudley, Halesowen, Kidderminster, Wolverhampton	£279
Great Little Trains of North Wales	Mon 29 May to Fri 2 Jun	Dudley, Halesowen, Kidderminster, Ludlow, Walsall, Wolverhampton	£269
Great Yarmouth & the Norfolk Broads Paddle Steamer	Mon 12 to Fri 16 Jun	Bridgnorth, Dudley, Halesowen, Kidderminster, Wolverhampton	£269
	Mon 26 to Fri 30 Jun	Cannock, Donnington, Oswestry, Shrewsbury, Telford, Wellington (Shrops.)	
Hayling Island - Warner Entertainment Break	Mon 15 to Fri 19 May	Dudley, Halesowen, Kidderminster, Wolverhampton	£319
Historic Durham, Beamish & Captain Cook's Whitby	Sun 23 to Thu 27 Apr	Dudley, Halesowen, Kidderminster, Wolverhampton	£289
	Sun 20 to Thu 24 Aug	Donnington, Shrewsbury, Stafford, Telford, Wellington (Shrops.), Welshpool	£299
Historic York & the Yorkshire Dales	Mon 8 to Fri 12 May	Donnington, Oswestry, Shrewsbury, Stafford, Telford, Wellington (Shrops.)	£279
	Mon 22 to Fri 26 May	Dudley, Halesowen, Kidderminster, Walsall, Wolverhampton	
Isle of Wight 'Royals & Rails'	Mon 29 May to Fri 2 Jun	Bridgnorth, Dudley, Halesowen, Kidderminster, Wolverhampton Cannock, Donnington, Shrewsbury, Telford, Wellington (Shrops.), Welshpool	£279
Liverpool, Cilla, the Beatles & Ferry 'cross the Mersey	Mon 15 to Fri 19 May	Donnington, Shrewsbury, Stafford, Telford, Wellington (Shrops.), Welshpool	£289
	Mon 19 to Fri 23 Jun	Bridgnorth, Dudley, Halesowen, Kidderminster, Wolverhampton	
Llandudno, Stunning Snowdonia & the Isle of Anglesey	Mon 15 to Fri 19 May	Dudley, Halesowen, Kidderminster, Stourport, Wolverhampton	£269
Morse's Oxford, Midsomer Murders Country & Capital Cruising	Thu 4 to Mon 8 May	Bridgnorth, Donnington, Dudley, Halesowen, Kidderminster, Oswestry, Shrewsbury, Stourport, Telford, Walsall, Wellington (Shrops.), Welshpool, Wolverhampton	£299
Newquay, Eden Project & the Cream of Cornwall	Mon 8 to Fri 12 May	Bridgnorth, Dudley, Halesowen, Kidderminster, Stourport, Walsall, Wolverhampton	£289
	Mon 15 to Fri 19 May	Cannock, Donnington, Oswestry, Shrewsbury, Telford, Wellington (Shrops.)	
Scarborough, Whitby & the North Yorkshire Moors Railway	Mon 10 to Fri 14 Apr	Dudley, Halesowen, Kidderminster, Wolverhampton	from £249
	Mon 19 to Fri 23 Jun	Donnington, Oswestry, Shrewsbury, Stafford, Telford, Wellington (Shrops.)	from £279
Skegness & Lovely Lincolnshire	Sun 2 to Thu 6 Apr	Dudley, Halesowen, Kidderminster, Ludlow, Walsall, Wolverhampton	£259
	Sun 23 to Thu 27 Apr	Donnington, Shrewsbury, Stafford, Telford, Wellington (Shrops.), Welshpool	
South Wales Gardens & the Royal Mint Experience	Mon 24 to Fri 28 Apr	Dudley, Halesowen, Kidderminster, Stourport, Wolverhampton	£329
	Mon 1 to Fri 5 May	Cannock, Donnington, Oswestry, Shrewsbury, Telford, Wellington (Shrops.)	
Southend-on-Sea, Cambridge & Constable Country	Sun 9 to Thu 13 Apr	Halesowen, Kidderminster, Oswestry, Shrewsbury, Stafford, Stourport, Telford, Walsall, Wellington (Shrops.), Wolverhampton	£279
Torbay, Little Boats & Trains of the English Riviera	Mon 8 to Fri 12 May	Cannock, Donnington, Oswestry, Shrewsbury, Telford, Wellington (Shrops.)	£269
	Mon 22 to Fri 26 May	Dudley, Halesowen, Kidderminster, Stourport, Wolverhampton	£279
Weymouth & the Jurassic Coast	Mon 22 to Fri 26 May	Cannock, Donnington, Oswestry, Shrewsbury, Telford, Wellington (Shrops.)	£289
	Mon 5 to Fri 9 Jun	Dudley, Halesowen, Kidderminster, Walsall, Wolverhampton	

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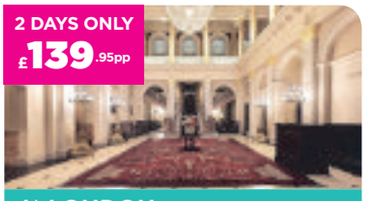

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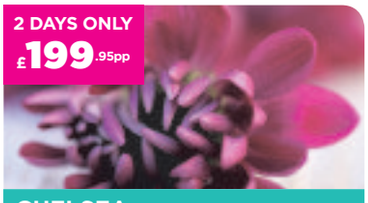

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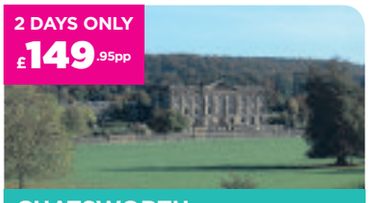

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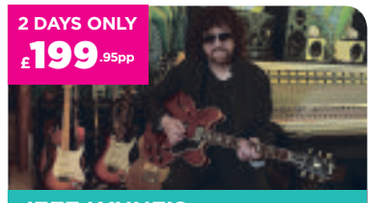

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Selected Saturday departures until August 2017

PRICE INCLUDES

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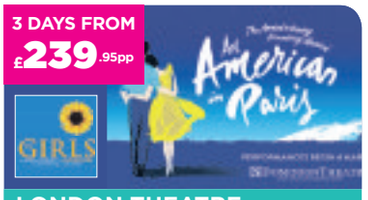
QUOTE CODE: CYK626

- ✔ Overnight stay at a choice of 4 star central London hotels with full English breakfast
- ✔ Free time in London for shopping and sightseeing
- ✔ Return standard class rail travel to London

Single room supplement £50pp. Subject to availability.



3 DAYS FROM £239.95pp

LONDON THEATRE SHOWSTOPPER WEEKEND

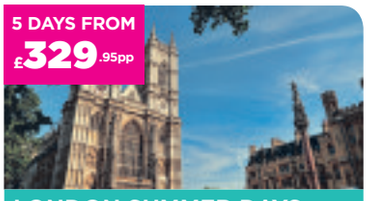
Friday departures until August 2017

PRICE INCLUDES

VIEW ONLINE AT www.omega-holidays.com/HMK459
QUOTE CODE: HMK459

- ✔ 2 nights at a choice of 4 star central London hotels with full English breakfast
- ✔ Catergory A Dress Circle or stalls ticket up to face value of £80 for a Friday evening performance from our fabulous selection of shows
- ✔ Free time in London for shopping and sightseeing
- ✔ Return standard class rail travel to London

Single room supplement £100pp. Subject to availability. *Price may vary from £239.95pp to £339.95pp dependent on choice of show, hotel and any applicable supplements.



5 DAYS FROM £329.95pp

LONDON SUMMER DAYS

Monday departures, 24 & 31 July, 7 & 14 August and 4 September 2017

PRICE INCLUDES

VIEW ONLINE AT www.omega-holidays.com/KDM149
QUOTE CODE: KDM149

- ✔ 4 nights at the 4 star Thistle Euston or the 4 star Tower Guoman hotel with full English breakfast
- ✔ Excursion to Windsor
- ✔ Free time in London
- ✔ Return standard class rail travel to London

Optional excursion to Hampton Court Palace & Richmond (£19 extra)

Single room supplement £200pp. Subject to availability.

3 DAYS FROM £209.95pp

MOTOWN THE MUSICAL

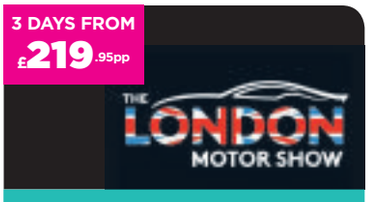
Selected Friday departures until August 2017

PRICE INCLUDES

VIEW ONLINE AT www.omega-holidays.com/EQW657
QUOTE CODE: EQW657

- ✔ 2 nights at a choice of 4 star central London hotels with full English breakfast
- ✔ A Grand Circle ticket with a face value of £19.50 for a Friday evening performance of Motown the Musical at the Shaftesbury Theatre (upgraded tickets available from £20 - £60 per person)
- ✔ Free time in London for shopping and sightseeing
- ✔ Return standard class rail travel to London

Single room supplement £100pp. Subject to availability.



3 DAYS FROM £219.95pp

LONDON MOTOR SHOW

Departing Friday 5 May 2017

PRICE INCLUDES

VIEW ONLINE AT www.omega-holidays.com/DRP354
QUOTE CODE: DRP354

- ✔ 2 nights at a choice of 4 star central London hotels with full English breakfast
- ✔ All-day ticket (value £15) for the London Motor Show at Battersea Park on Saturday
- ✔ Return standard class rail travel to London

Single room supplement £100pp. Subject to availability.

Optional admission to Hampton Court Palace at a £20pp supplement

3 DAYS FROM £269.95pp

HAMPTON
COURT PALACE FLOWER SHOW

Departing Friday 7 July 2017

PRICE INCLUDES

VIEW ONLINE AT www.omega-holidays.com/LHT576
QUOTE CODE: LHT576

- ✔ 2 nights at the 4 star Tower Guoman hotel with full English breakfast
- ✔ Admission and return coach transfer to RHS Hampton Court Palace Flower Show
- ✔ Free time in London
- ✔ Return standard class rail travel to London

Single room supplement £100pp. Subject to availability.

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2 DAYS FROM £159.95pp

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

Selected Saturday departures, August & September 2017

PRICE INCLUDES

VIEW ONLINE AT www.omega-holidays.com/JGL014
QUOTE CODE: JGL014

- ✔ Overnight stay at a choice of 4 star central London hotels with full English breakfast
- ✔ Sunday morning admission to Buckingham Palace
- ✔ Free time in London
- ✔ Return standard class rail travel to London

Single room supplements £60pp. Subject to availability.

5 DAYS FROM £399.95pp

HISTORIC PALACES
BUCKINGHAM PALACE, THE PALACE OF WESTMINSTER AND WINDSOR CASTLE

Selected Monday departures, July - September 2017

PRICE INCLUDES

VIEW ONLINE AT www.omega-holidays.com/CGJ465
QUOTE CODE: CGJ465

- ✔ 4 nights at the 4 star Thistle Euston or the 4 star Tower Guoman hotel with full English breakfast
- ✔ Admission to Buckingham Palace and the Palace of Westminster, with coach transfer
- ✔ Admission to Windsor Castle, with coach transfer
- ✔ Free time in London
- ✔ Return standard class rail travel to London

Optional excursion to Hampton Court Palace & Richmond (£19 extra)

Single room supplements £200pp. Subject to availability.

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Monday - Thursday until March 2017

Price Includes... Quote Code: PQJ981

- ✔ Overnight stay at the 3 star ibis Earls Court with full English breakfast
- ✔ Ticket to your chosen theatre show in the evening (face value between £44 - £72)

View product online at www.omega-holidays.com/PQJ981

Single room supplements £50pp. Subject to availability.

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3 DAYS FROM £179.95pp

GRAND NATIONAL

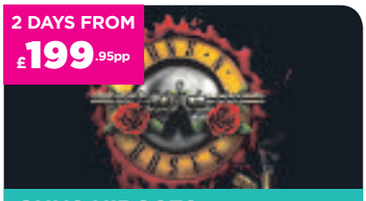
Friday 7 April 2017

PRICE INCLUDES

VIEW ONLINE AT www.omega-holidays.com/DDT787
QUOTE CODE: DDT787

- ✔ 2 nights at the 3 star Mercure Wigan Oak Hotel, Wigan with 3 course evening meal and full English breakfast
- ✔ Steeplechase Enclosure ticket for the race programme at Aintree on Grand National Day (upgrade available)
- ✔ Return coach transfer between the hotel and the racecourse

Single room supplements £60pp. Subject to availability.



2 DAYS FROM £199.95pp

GUNS N'ROSES
LIVE AT LONDON STADIUM

Saturday 17 June 2017

PRICE INCLUDES

VIEW ONLINE AT www.omega-holidays.com/UGM046
QUOTE CODE: UGM046

- ✔ Overnight stay at a choice of 4 star central London hotels with full English breakfast
- ✔ Standing / unreserved seating ticket for Guns N' Roses at the London Stadium, Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park

Single room supplement £50pp. Subject to availability.

2 DAYS FROM £159.95pp

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JEFF LYNNE'S
ELO LIVE AT WEMBLEY STADIUM

Saturday 24 June 2017

PRICE INCLUDES

VIEW ONLINE AT www.omega-holidays.com/APG558
QUOTE CODE: APG558

- ✔ Overnight stay at a choice of 4 star central London hotels with full English breakfast
- ✔ Ticket to see Jeff Lynne's Electric Light Orchestra at Wembley Stadium on Saturday evening

Single room supplements £60pp. Subject to availability.

2 DAYS FROM £179.95pp

THE STONE ROSES
AT WEMBLEY STADIUM

Saturday 17 June 2017

PRICE INCLUDES

VIEW ONLINE AT www.omega-holidays.com/LET574
QUOTE CODE: LET574

- ✔ Overnight stay at a choice of 4 star central London hotels with full English breakfast
- ✔ General admission ticket to The Stone Roses Live at Wembley Stadium on Saturday

Single room supplements £50pp. Subject to availability.

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- ✔ Return flight on an exclusive Omega charter from Birmingham airport to Friedrichshafen
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4 STAR SUMMER IN THE
AUSTRIAN MOUNTAINS (LECH)

Departing Sunday 9 July 2017

PRICE INCLUDES

VIEW ONLINE AT www.omega-holidays.com/GDL776
QUOTE CODE: GDL776

- ✔ Return flight on an exclusive Omega charter from Birmingham airport to Friedrichshafen
- ✔ 7 nights at the 4 star Hotel St Anthonys Alpin, Lech with breakfast
- ✔ Tea, coffee and afternoon cake
- ✔ Airport taxes and return transfer to your hotel

8 DAYS
£1299pp

SWITZERLAND
AND THE GLACIER EXPRESS

Departing Sunday 9 July 2017

PRICE INCLUDES

VIEW ONLINE AT www.omega-holidays.com/MEJ587
QUOTE CODE: MEJ587

- ✔ Return flight on an exclusive Omega charter from Birmingham airport to Friedrichshafen
- ✔ 7 nights half board at the 3 star Hotel Sport, Klosters (4 star upgrade available at a supplement)
- ✔ Excursion on the Glacier Express from Tiefencastel to Andermatt, with a visit to Lucerne and a boat cruise on the lake
- ✔ Excursion on the Bernina Express from Pontresina to Poschiavo, with a visit to St Moritz
- ✔ A complimentary Davos Klosters Card giving resort discounts and free use of Klosters cable cars and public transport
- ✔ Airport taxes and return transfer to your hotel

8 DAYS
£1099pp

4 STAR DUBROVNIK
MONTENEGRO AND ELAPHITI ISLANDS

Departing Sunday 2 July 2017

PRICE INCLUDES

VIEW ONLINE AT www.omega-holidays.com/DLU519
QUOTE CODE: DLU519

- ✔ Return flight on an exclusive Omega charter from Birmingham airport to Dubrovnik
- ✔ 7 nights half board at the 4 star Grand Hotel Park & Villas Park (4 star Hotel Lapad available at a supplement)
- ✔ Excursion to Montenegro
- ✔ Galleon cruise to the Elaphiti Islands with lunch on board ship
- ✔ Airport taxes and return transfer to your hotel

8 DAYS
£999pp

DUBROVNIK RIVIERA

Departing Sunday 2 July 2017

PRICE INCLUDES

VIEW ONLINE AT www.omega-holidays.com/JDY899
QUOTE CODE: JDY899

- ✔ Return flight on an exclusive Omega charter from Birmingham airport to Dubrovnik
- ✔ 7 nights half board at the 3 star Hotel Cavtat, Cavtat (3 star Hotel Astarea, Mlini available at a supplement)
- ✔ Airport taxes and return transfer to your hotel

Optional excursions (available at a supplement) Montenegro and Elaphiti Island Cruise

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SORRENTO SUMMER SPECIAL

Departing Friday 23 June 2017

PRICE INCLUDES

VIEW ONLINE AT www.omega-holidays.com/HNE317
QUOTE CODE: HNE317

- ✔ Return flight from Birmingham airport to Naples†
- ✔ 8 nights at the 3 star Hotel Florida, Sorrento with hot buffet breakfast
- ✔ Airport taxes and return transfer to your hotel

Optional excursions (available at a supplement) Isle of Capri, Pompeii and Amalfi Drive (Positano, Amalfi and Ravello)

†We have included the current flight price within the below package price as of 23 January 2017. Should the cost of flights change the package price may vary. The final price will be confirmed to you at time of booking.

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Sorrento
Summer Special

Selected Friday departures, May - October 2017

Price Includes...
- ✔ Return flight from Birmingham airport to Naples†
- ✔ 7 nights at the 3 star Hotel Florida, Sorrento with hot buffet breakfast
- ✔ Airport taxes and return transfer to your hotel

Optional excursions available at a supplement; Isle of Capri, Pompeii and Amalfi Drive (Positano, Amalfi and Ravello)

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Lake Maggiore
and Como Special

Departing Friday 7 April and Sunday 30 April & 8 October 2017

Quote Code: HLK834

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Price Includes...
- ✔ Return flight from Birmingham airport to Milan†
- ✔ 7 nights half board at the 3 star Hotel Flora, Stresa (upgrade to the 4 star Hotel Astoria at a supplement)
- ✔ Borromean Islands cruise with visits to Isola Bella and Isola Pescatori
- ✔ Three lakes tour of Lake Maggiore, Lake Lugano and Lake Como
- ✔ Centovalli narrow-gauge railway excursion to Locarno, Switzerland
- ✔ Airport taxes and return transfer to your hotel
- ✔ Services of an English-speaking representative

8 DAYS, BY AIR
From £789pp

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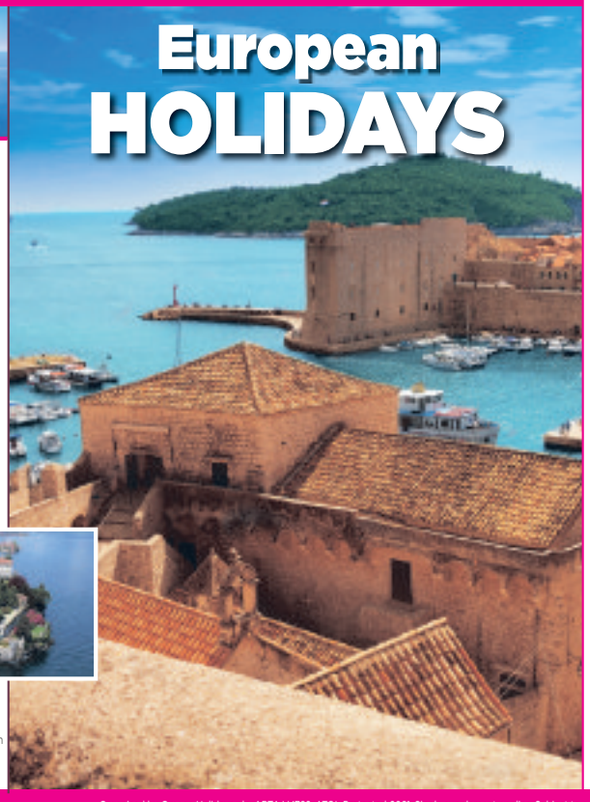

4 Star
Treasures of the Amalfi Coast

Departing Friday 5 May 2017

Price Includes...
- ✔ Return flight from Birmingham airport to Naples†
- ✔ 7 nights half board at the 4 star Grand Hotel Excelsior, Amalfi
- ✔ Full-day excursion to Herculaneum & Sorrento, with admission to Herculaneum
- ✔ Full-day excursion to the ancient Greek site of Paestum (with admission), plus a visit to a buffalo mozzarella farm
- ✔ Boat cruise along the Amalfi coastline, with a guided walking tour of Amalfi
- ✔ Airport taxes and return transfer to your hotel

Quote Code: AVY639

8 DAYS, BY AIR
From £909pp

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Carcassonne, Cathar Country & Catalonia

Flying direct from Birmingham
Apr 19, 23, May 11, Jun 8, Sep 7, 21, Oct 5 & 12 2017

Cathar country in Languedoc-Roussillon is a land of legend, mystery and stunning scenery. In Carcassonne you will find the most complete medieval walled city in Europe. As well as getting to know this fascinating part of France you will also spend a couple of days on the Spanish coast with a chance to visit the Roman town of Tarragona.

Price includes

- Direct flights from Birmingham
- 7 nights HB hotel accommodation (3 on the Spanish coast & 4 in Amelie-les-Bains in France)
- Full day excursion to Carcassonne and Rennes-le-Chateau
- Free time in Figueres and Barcelona
- Services of a tour representative

Seville, Mijas & Ronda

Flying direct from Birmingham
Departs Mar 18, May 8, 18, Jun 15, Sep 21, 30 2017 & Mar 17 2018

This superb value holiday gives you the chance to relax in Southern Spain in the pretty white-painted village of Mijas Pueblo and enjoy some of the wonders of Andalucia. Five nights are spent in Mijas, and two in the magical city of Seville. There are included visits to Ronda and Puerto Banus and the chance to visit Gibraltar.

Price includes

- Direct flights from Birmingham
- 7 nights accommodation (5 nights HB in Mijas, 2 nights B&B in Seville)
- Visits to Ronda and Puerto Banus
- Optional full day excursion to Gibraltar (at extra cost)
- Services of a tour representative

Andalucia's Eastern Coast – Granada & Almeria

from Birmingham
Selected dates Feb 2017 to Mar 2018

On this holiday, not only will you visit Spain's greatest palace, the Alhambra in Granada, but also the Moorish fortress city of Almeria. Your base is the coastal city of Almunecar. The wonderful sub-tropical climate will help you enjoy the city's rich artistic and cultural heritage. In and around Almunecar the sierras plunge spectacularly into the sea and you will find no less than 25 beaches and coves within its boundary.

Montserrat, Roman Tarragona & Gaudi's Reus

from Birmingham
Departs Apr 2, May 17 & Oct 4 2017

A week in a four-star hotel on the Catalan coast, with three varied and interesting excursions. Catalonia has an incredibly rich variety of landscapes. As well as sandy beaches, such as the wide, sandy one in front of your hotel, there are mountains, vineyards, rivers and picturesque villages all waiting to be discovered.

Isla Canela, Rio Tinto & the Guadiana River

from Birmingham
Departs May 4, 11, 18, Sep 7, 14 & 28 2017

This holiday has the perfect balance of relaxation beside the dunes along Spain's Atlantic coast and on the banks of the Guadiana river and scenic sightseeing jam-packed with historical and cultural interest. You will visit the beautiful coastline of the Donana Natural Park, enjoy the Columbus sites and the scenery of the British Rio Tinto mines and have a day on a boat sailing up the River Guadiana.

France, Spain, Andorra & the Pyrenees

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from Birmingham
Departs May 8, Jun 5, Sep 11, 18, 25 & Oct 2 2017

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from Birmingham
Departs May 9, 16, Sep 12 & 26 2017

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- Lounge & Conservatory
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- Three Bedrooms

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£195,000 EPC=B

Norton Canes
New

Norton Hall Lane
- Detached Bungalow
- Two Reception Rooms
- Fitted Breakfast Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms

£250,000 EPC=D

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Newhall Street

- Period Detached
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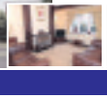
- Three Receptions
- Three Bedrooms



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Huntsmans Rise
- Detached Bungalow
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£135,000 EPC=TBA

Wimblebury
New

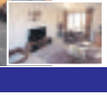
Sweetbriar Way
- End Terraced House
- Conservatory
- Three Bedrooms
- Driveway & Garden

£160,000 EPC=TBA

Cannock
New

Dorney Place

- Modern Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Driveway & Garage
- Enclosed Garden



£225,000 EPC=B

Cannock
New

Langdale Drive
- Semi Det Bungalow
- Lounge & Conservatory
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms

£155,000 EPC=C

Essington
New

Sneyd Lane
- Executive Detached
- Three Receptions
- Kitchen/Diner
- Four Bedrooms

£620,000 EPC=TBA

Wimblebury

Waterlily Close
- Detached House
- Very Well Presented
- Four Bedrooms
- Ensuite to the Master

£255,000 EPC=C

Heath Hayes
No Chain

Fremantle Drive
- Detached House
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Four Bedrooms
- Driveway & Garage

£239,995 EPC=D

Cannock

Pye Green Road
- Detached House
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Kitchen & Utility Room
- Family Room

£190,000 EPC=D

Cannock

Edward Street
- Versatile Detached House
- Large Lounge/Diner
- Conservatory, Wet Room
- Fitted Kitchen

£189,995 EPC=D

Heath Hayes
No Chain

Sparrowhawk Way
- Three Storey Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Conservatory
- Driveway & Garage

£179,950 EPC=D

Cannock
No Chain

Moreton Street
- Detached Bungalow
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen & Guest WC
- Conservatory

£175,000 EPC=D

Hednesford

Swallowfields Drive
- Semi Detached House
- Three Bedrooms
- Conservatory
- Driveway & Garage

£165,000 EPC=C

Cannock
No Chain

Bradford Street
- Semi Detached House
- Lounge & Kitchen/Diner
- Three Bedrooms
- Shower Room

£140,000 EPC=D

Cannock
New

Elizabeth Road
- Modern Semi Detached
- Two Bedrooms
- Modern Kitchen
- Parking space

£130,000 EPC=TBA

Cannock
New

High Mount Street
- Traditional Semi Detached
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Kitchen & Utility
- Two Bedrooms & Bathroom

£130,000 EPC=E

Cannock
No Chain

Albert Street
- Semi Detached House
- Very Well Presented
- Three Bedrooms
- Luxury Kitchen

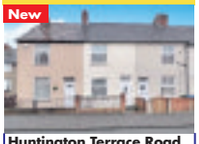
£140,000 EPC=E

Heath Hayes
New

Lawnswood Close
- Two Bedroom Terraced
- Spacious Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Large Driveway & Garage

£125,000 EPC=C

Cannock
New



Huntington Terrace Road
- Traditional Terraced
- Loft Room
- Two Bedrooms
- Two Receptions

£115,000 EPC=E

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New

Cecil Street
- Semi Detached House
- Through Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Three Bedrooms

£119,995 EPC=TBA

Cannock
New

Barnard Way
- Ground Floor Flat
- Lounge & Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms
- Rear Garden

£87,500 EPC=D

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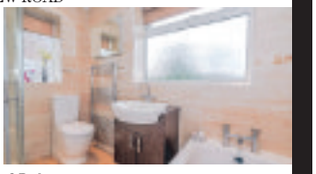
- Through Hallway
- Lounge/diner
- Kitchen
- 2 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Private Gardens
- Allocated Parking

£124,950

NEW

CANNOCK
TOWER VIEW ROAD



- Semi Detached House
- Through Lounge/Diner
- Refitted Kitchen
- Refitted Bathroom
- 3 Bedrooms
- Gardens
- Driveway

£179,995

NEW

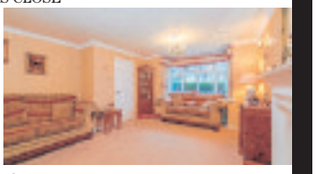
HEATH HAYES
HIGHFIELDS ROAD

- Stunning Family Home
- Through Hallway
- Lounge, Sitting Room
- Refitted Kitchen
- Dining Room
- Utility, Conservatory
- 4 Bedrooms, En-Suite
- Driveway, Garage

£325,000

NEW

HEDNESFORD
ST.FRANCIS CLOSE



- 4 Bed Detached
- Hall, Guests WC
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Kitchen, Utility
- Conservatory
- Bathroom
- En-Suite
- Garage, Gardens

£279,950

NEW

HEDNESFORD
HILL STREET

- Detached Family Home
- 1 Bed Annex
- Det. Commercial Unit/Garage
- Through Hall
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Conservatory
- 3 Bedrooms
- Bathroom

£315,000

NEW

CHESLYN HAY
NEW HORSE ROAD

- Dorma Bungalow
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- Conservatory
- 3 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Garage
- Rear Garden

£189,950

CANNOCK
NEWHALL STREET

- Tradition Detached
- Extended Breakfast Kitchen
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Guests WC
- En-Suite, 4 Bedrooms
- Large Rear Garden
- Drive Through Garage
- Viewing Essential

£300,000

CANNOCK
WORDSWORTH CLOSE

- Detached Bungalow
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- 2 Bedroom
- Bathroom
- Driveway
- Gardens
- No Chain

£159,950

HEDNESFORD
NELSON DRIVE

- Outstanding Detached
- Viewing Essential
- Through Hallway
- 3 Reception Rooms
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Utility, WC
- 4 Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom

£340,000

CANNOCK
SUNFIELD ROAD

- Stunning Home
- Hallway, WC
- Lounge/diner
- Refitted kitchen
- 4 Bedroom
- Refitted Bathroom
- Dressing room
- Viewing Recommended

£395,000

HEDNESFORD
MARCONI PLACE

- Field Views
- Hallway, Lounge
- Kitchen/diner
- Playroom (garage conversion)
- 3 Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Driveway
- Gardens

£144,950

CANNOCK
OLD PENKRIDGE ROAD

- Traditional Detached
- Entrance Hall,
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Conservatory, dining kitchen
- Guest WC, 4 Bedrooms
- Shower Room
- Bathroom
- G.C.H. Double Glazing

£399,950

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NEW

CHESLYN HAY
HATHERTON STREET

- Traditional Semi
- Hall, Lounge
- Kitchen, WC
- 3 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Driveway
- Rear Garden
- NO CHAIN

£144,950

NEW

GREAT WYRLEY
PENNY COURT

- Ground Floor
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Lounge
- 2 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Parking

£70,000

NEW

CANNOCK
CEMETERY ROAD

- Traditional Terraced
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Refitted Kitchen
- 3 Bedrooms
- Ground Floor Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- NO CHAIN

£105,000

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NEW

HEDNESFORD
MOUNT STREET

- Ground Floor
- Open plan
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Refitted Bathroom
- Bedroom
- Garden
- NO CHAIN

£70,000

HEATH HAYES
BANK STREET

- Traditional Semi
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Kitchen
- 3 Bedrooms
- Ground Floor Bathroom
- Rear Garden

£126,950

NEW

HEDNESFORD
HERONDALE

- Ground Floor
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- Bedroom
- Bathroom
- Garden
- Parking

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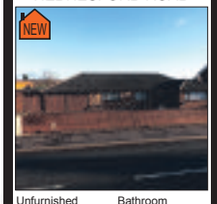


Unfurnished
Detached
Bungalow
Lounge
Kitchen
3 Bedrooms
Bathroom
GCH & DG
Rear Garden
Parking
2 Garages
EPC Rating D

£750 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

NEW

CANNOCK
CANNOCK ROAD

Unfurnished
Terrace House
Lounge
Kitchen
3 Bedrooms
Bathroom
Gas Central
Heating
Double Glazing
Rear Garden
EPC Rating D

£625 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

NEW

GREAT WYRLEY
ANSON ROAD

Unfurnished
Terrace House
Lounge
Kitchen
3 Bedrooms
Bathroom
Conservatory
GCH & DG
Garden
Parking
EPC Rating F

£575 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

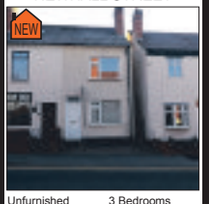
HEATH HAYES
MILL CRESCENT

Unfurnished
Town House
Lounge
Kitchen
2 Bedrooms
Bathroom
Gas Central
Heating
Double Glazing
Rear Garden
Parking
EPC Rating F

£550 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

NEW

CANNOCK
NEWHALL STREET



Unfurnished
Semi Detached
House
Lounge
Dining Room
Kitchen
3 Bedrooms
Bathroom
En Suite
GCH & DG
EPC Rating D

£550 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

NEW

CANNOCK
CEMETERY ROAD

Unfurnished
Terrace House
Lounge
Kitchen
3 Bedrooms
Bathroom
Gas Central
Heating
Double Glazing
Rear Garden
EPC Rating D

£550 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

NEW

HEDNESFORD
BOND WAY

Unfurnished
Semi Detached
House
Lounge
Kitchen
2 Bedrooms
Bathroom
GCH & DG
Rear Garden
Garage
EPC Rating D

£550 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

NEW

HEATH HAYES
MILL CRESCENT

Unfurnished
Semi Detached
House
Lounge
Kitchen
2 Bedrooms
Bathroom
GCH & DG
Rear Garden
Parking
EPC Rating E

£535 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

NEW

HEATH HAYES
DEAVALL WAY

Unfurnished
Semi Detached
House
Lounge
Kitchen
2 Bedrooms
Bathroom
GCH & DG
Rear Garden
Parking
EPC Rating D

£525 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

NEW

GREAT WYRLEY
WALSALL ROAD

Unfurnished
First Floor Flat
Lounge
Kitchen
3 Bedrooms
Bathroom
Gas Central
Heating
Double Glazing
Parking
EPC Rating D

£525 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

NEW

HEATH HAYES
CANNOCK ROAD

Unfurnished
Second Floor Flat
Lounge
Kitchen
2 Bedrooms
Bathroom
Gas Central
Heating
Double Glazing
Parking
EPC Rating C

£495 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

NEW

HEATH HAYES
CANNOCK ROAD

Unfurnished
First Floor Flat
Lounge
Kitchen
2 Bedrooms
Bathroom
Gas Central
Heating
Double Glazing
Parking
EPC Rating C

£495 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

NEW

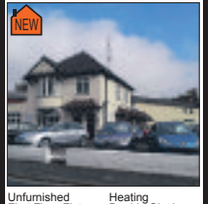
PYE GREEN
BROADHURST GREEN

Unfurnished
Ground Floor Flat
Lounge
Kitchen
2 Bedrooms
Bathroom
Gas Central
Heating
Double Glazing
Garden
EPC Rating C

£400 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

NEW

BRIDGTOWN
UNION STREET



Unfurnished
First Floor Flat
Lounge
Kitchen
1 Bedroom
Bathroom
Heating
Double Glazing
Parking
EPC Rating E

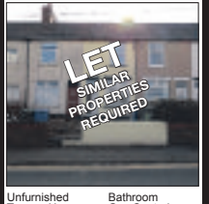
£395 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

CHESLYN HAY
HAYES VIEW DRIVE

Unfurnished
Detached
Bungalow
Lounge
Kitchen
4 Bedrooms
Bathroom
GCH & DG
Rear Garden
Garage
EPC Rating E

£795 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

RAWNSLEY
RAWNSLEY ROAD



Unfurnished
Terrace House
Lounge
Dining Room
Kitchen
2 Bedrooms
Bathroom
Gas Central
Heating
Double Glazing
Rear Parking
EPC Rating D

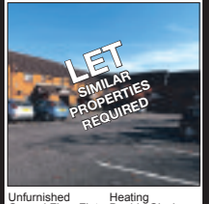
£550 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

WALSALL
MOORSIDE GARDENS

Unfurnished
2nd Floor Flat
Lounge
Kitchen
2 Bedrooms
Bathroom
Gas Central
Heating
Double Glazing
Parking
EPC Rating C

£450 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

CANNOCK
WOODFORD END



Unfurnished
Ground Floor Flat
Lounge
Kitchen
1 Bedroom
Bathroom
Heating
Double Glazing
Parking
EPC Rating C

£375 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

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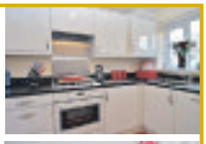


NEW

LEVETT GRANGE, RUGELEY

A well presented modern two bedroomed mid terraced property in a sought after location ideal for investment or first time buyer. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Entrance Hall, Guest W.C., Kitchen and Lounge. First Floor Landing, Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Allocated Parking to Front and Garden to Rear. EPC Rating - C

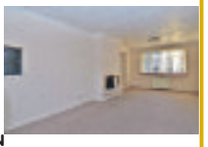
£139,995

REOFFERED NO CHAIN

PARK VIEW TERRACE RUGELEY

A traditional three bedroomed terraced property, ideal for investment or for a first time buyer and is offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazed. Entrance Hall, Lounge and Kitchen Diner. First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms and Bathroom, Garden to Front and Rear. EPC RATING - D

£117,500



NEW NO CHAIN

REDBROOK LANE, BRERETON

A two bedroomed semi detached property ideal for first time buyer or investment and is offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Electric Storage Heaters UPVC Double Glazing. Through Hallway, Lounge/Diner and Kitchen. First Floor Landing, Two Bedrooms and Shower Room. Driveway to Front and Garden to Rear. EPC Rating - D

£115,000

NEW

BELLAMOUR WAY COLTON

A well presented traditional two bedroomed mid terraced property located in a sought after village location. UPVC Double Glazing and Gas Central Heating. Side Entrance Door, Inner Hallway, Utility Area, Downstairs Bathroom, Lounge and Kitchen/Diner. First Floor Landing, Two Bedrooms and W.C. Garden to Rear. Viewing Highly Recommended. EPC Rating - D

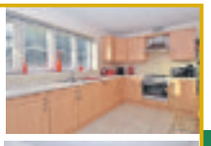
£235,000

NEW

LOWER BIRCHES WAY, RUGELEY

A four bedroomed detached family home. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Hallway, Guest W.C., Study, Kitchen, Dining Room, Conservatory and Lounge. First Floor Landing, Master Bedroom with Ensuite, Second Bedroom with Ensuite, Two Further Bedrooms and a Family Bathroom. Integral Garage, Large Driveway. Garden to Front and Rear. EPC Rating - TBC

£269,950

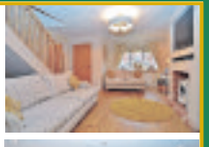


NEW

CHESTNUT GROVE , RUGELEY

A four bedroomed detached family home having Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Entrance Hallway, Guest W.C., Lounge, Breakfast Kitchen and Utility. First Floor Landing, Master with Ensuite Shower Room, Three Further Bedrooms and a Family Bathroom. Integral Garage and Driveway. Garden to Front and Rear. EPC Rating - C

£239,995



NEW

PRIORY AVENUE, HAWKSYARD

A well presented and improved four bedroomed detached family home . UPVC double-glazed and Gas centrally heated. Entrance Porch, Lounge, Sitting Room, Dining Kitchen, Utility Area and Guest WC. First Floor Landing, Four Bedrooms one with En-suite plus Refitted Family Bathroom. Gardens to front and rear. Driveway to side leading to Single Garage. EPC RATING - C

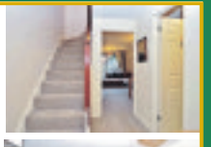
£270,000

NEW NO CHAIN

PENN CROFT LITTLE HAYWOOD

A good sized detached bungalow situated in a quiet cul-de-sac in a popular and sought after village location offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Entrance Hall, Lounge/Diner, Kitchen, Guest W.C., Three Bedrooms and Shower Room. Gardens to Front and Rear. Garage/Workshop and Driveway. EPC Rating - D

£255,000



NEW

LEET CLOSE, HANDSACRE

A two bedroomed mid terraced property in a popular village location ideal for first time buyer or investment. Electric Storage Heaters and UPVC Double Glazing. Through Hallway, Kitchen and Lounge. First floor landing, Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Shared Driveway with Parking and Rear Garden. EPC Rating - C

£135,000

NEW NO CHAIN

TALBOT STREET RUGELEY

A two bedroomed traditional mid terraced property within walking distance to the Town Centre and Local Amenities is offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. UPVC Double Glazing. Hallway, Lounge, Kitchen, Cellar, Inner Hallway and Downstairs Shower Room. First Floor Landing and Two Bedrooms. Court Yard to Rear. EPC Rating - G

£105,000

REOFFERED

SCHOLARS GATE, BRERETON

A well presented three bedroomed semi detached family home in a popular location. Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing. Entrance Hallway, Lounge and Kitchen/Diner. First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Garage and Off Road Parking. Garden to Front and Rear. Viewing Recommended. EPC RATING - D

£162,500

NEW PRICE

WOLSELEY ROAD, RUGELEY

A well presented three/four bedroomed extended family home. Offering Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Entrance Porch, Hallway, Lounge, Kitchen, Utility, Playroom/4th Bedroom and Conservatory. First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Garage with Off Road Parking. Gardens to Front and Rear. Viewing Highly Recommended. EPC Rating - E

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FORGE ROAD
RUGELEY

Offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN is this two bedroomed property making it ideal for the local town centre amenities. Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Kitchen. First floor Landing, Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Small garden area to front. Parking in communal area to rear. EPC RATING - D

£99,500

OLD EATON ROAD
RUGELEY

In need of some modernisation this good sized three bedroomed semi detached property in a popular and sought after location is offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Entrance Porch, Through Hallway, Lounge, Kitchen (installation required) and Dining Room. First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Garage and Off Road Parking. Garden to Front and Rear. EPC RATING - D

£160,000

MAIN ROAD
BRERETON

●●NEW PRICE/OFFERS INVITED●●●Located close to local amenities this two bedroomed ground floor flat offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN an ideal for investors or for a first time buyer the current vendor is keen to sell and is open to all reasonable offers. Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing. Inner Hallway, Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Allocated parking. EPC RATING - B

£97,500

BELLAMOUR LANE , COLTON

Character cottage in rural location. Entrance Hall, Guest Cloaks, Lounge with feature fireplace, Dining Room with Inglenook fireplace, Kitchen with range cooker. Two Bedrooms and spacious Bathroom with separate shower cubicle. Gardens to rear. Secure gated off road parking. NO DSS. NO SMOKERS. NO PETS. EPC Rating D DEPOSIT £1,100

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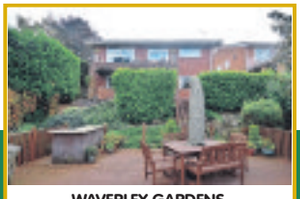

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ETCHINGHILL

A beautifully presented split-level detached family home benefitting from far reaching views to rear. UPVC double-glazed and Gas centrally heated. Entrance Hall, Dining Room, Breakfast Kitchen and Bathroom. On the lower floor there is a Hallway, Four Bedrooms, Bathroom and Utility Room. SINGLE GARAGE and gardens to front and rear. EPC RATING - E

£295,000

WOLSELEY ROAD
RUGELEY

A ground floor apartment in a purpose built modern development and offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. UPVC Double Glazing and Electric Heating. Accommodation Communal Entrance Hall, Entrance Hall, Open Plan Lounge/Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, En-suite Shower Room plus Bathroom. Allocated Parking. EPC RATING - D

£118,000

ARMITAGE ROAD
BRERETON

A unique family home built by Walton Homes on a small select development. The Lapwing is a four bedroom three storey detached property offering modern family living accommodation with versatile use. This property is also available via the HELP TO BUY scheme, Call to book and view.

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BRERETON HOUSE, BRERETON

Well presented first floor apartment in Grade 2 Georgian Building. Accommodation comprises of Communal Entrance Hall with security access, Reception Hall, Lounge, Breakfast Kitchen, Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. GCH. Communal Gardens. Garage in Block at Rear. NO DSS. NO PETS. NO SMOKERS. EPC Rating - E. DEPOSIT £796

£575 pcm

BATESWAY
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A rare opportunity to purchase a traditional three bedroomed detached house in need of modernisation and refurbishment standing on a large secluded plot off Batesway having uninterrupted views over open fields and is being offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Large Garden with Out Buildings, Double Garage and Ample Parking. EPC RATING - G

£375,000

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HUNTINGTON

40% SHARED OWNERSHIP. This modern first floor apartment is an ideal first time buyer and is offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. The accommodation comprises Communal Hallway, Hallway, Open plan Lounge/Kitchen, Two bedrooms and a Bathroom. Further benefiting from gas central heating, UPVC double glazed windows and allocated parking. Viewing recommended. EPC RATING - B

£42,995

ST MICHAELS DRIVE
BRERETON

Offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. A modern detached family home. Gas Central Heating and UPVC double-glazing. Entrance Hall, Guest Cloakroom, Lounge, Kitchen, First Floor Landing. Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Large Drive offering ample Off Road Parking. Garden to Rear. EPC RATING - B

£155,000

BRERETON MEWS, BRERETON

Two bedroom first floor flat comprising of Hall, spacious Lounge, Kitchen with some appliances, Bathroom with shower and Two Double Bedrooms. Allocated Parking. Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing. NO DSS. NO SMOKERS. NO PETS. EPC Rating C DEPOSIT £760

£550 pcm

HAGLEY ROAD
RUGELEY

A well presented two bedroomed mid terraced property located within walking distance to the town centre and local amenities. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazed. Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, First Floor Landing, Two Bedrooms, Luxury Bathroom, Garden to Front and Rear. EPC RATING - E

£125,000

FORGE MEWS
RUGELEY

50% Shared Ownership - A two bedroomed End Terrace property located within walking distance to Town Centre and Local Amenities. Electric Heating and Double Glazed. Entrance Hall, Kitchen and Lounge. First Floor Landing, Two Bedrooms and Wet Room. Allocated Parking in Communal Area. EPC RATING - D

£60,000

PARK VIEW TERRACE
RUGELEY

A three bedroomed mid terraced property in need of modernisation, ideal for investment and is offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Part UPVC Double Glazing and Part Central Heating. Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Inner Hallway and Downstairs W.C. First Floor Landing with Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Garden to Front and Rear.EPC RATING - TBC

£110,000

HOWELL MEWS, RUGELEY

A modern second floor apartment. Electric heating and Double Glazing. Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen with some appliances, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, En- suite Shower Room to Master Bedroom. Electric heating and Double Glazing. Garage and Allocated parking. NO DSS. NO SMOKERS. NO PETS. DEPOSIT £755

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- Bathroom
- GCH & DG
- Off Road Parking
- EPC Pending
- NO DSS/PETS

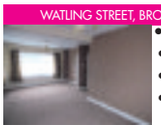
£400 pcm

HOWELL MEWS, RUGELEY

- 2 Bed Flat
- Lounge/kitchen
- En-suite & Bathroom
- Electric heating
- Double glazing
- Allocated

£530 pcm

WATLING STREET, BROWNHILLS



- NO DEPOSIT OPTION
- Three Bed Detached
- Lounge, Dining room
- Kitchen, Shower

£550 pcm

GLENMORE AVENUE, BURNTWOOD

- 2Bed Mid Terrace
- Lounge/Kitchen
- GCH/DG
- Garden
- Energy rating D
- Sorry No DSS/

£575 pcm

WOOTTONS COURT, CANNOCK

- One Bed GFF
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Elec Heating
- Off Road Parking
- Energy Rating D
- NO DSS/ Pets

£425 pcm

ANSON ROAD, GREAT WYRLEY

- Three Bed Mid
- Lounge, Kitchen, Diner
- Bathroom
- Double Glazing
- Front & Rear Garden
- Energy Rating F
- NO DSS OR PETS

£550 pcm

APPLE WALK HEATH HAYES

- 2Bed Town House
- Lounge/Kitchen
- GCH/DG
- Front Garden
- Allocated Parking
- Energy Rating D
- NO DSS/PETS

£525 pcm

RED LION LANE, NORTON CANES

- Two Bed Semi
- Lounge/diner
- Kitchen & utility
- Bathroom
- GCH & DG
- Garden 7 Driveway
- Energy Rating D
- NO DSS OR PETS

£575 pcm

BELLBROOK, PENKRIDGE

- Two Bed Mid
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Kitchen & Utility
- Guest WC & Shower Room
- GCH, DG,

£625 pcm

NEWBURY RAOD,NORTON CANES

- 3Bed Semi
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Bathroom/ Ensuite
- GCH/DG
- Energy Rating D

£650 pcm

REMBRANDT CLOSE, HEATH HAYES

- Two Bed Mid
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Bathroom
- GCH & DG
- Allocated Parking
- Energy Rating B

£575 pcm

HOBBY WAY, HEATH HAYES

- Two Bed Flat
- Lounge/Kitchen
- Bathroom, DG
- Electric Heating
- Allocated Parking
- Energy Rating C

£575 pcm

WARREN CLOSE, RAWNSLEY

- Three Bed Semi
- Lounge
- Breakfast kitchen
- Bathroom
- GCH & DG
- Carport & Garage

£575 pcm

REMBRANDT CLOSE, HEATH HAYES

- 2 Bed End
- Lounge/Kitchen
- GCH & DG
- Allocated Parking
- Energy rating D
- No DSS/Pets

£595 pcm

WALNUT DRIVE, CANNOCK

- Three Bed Semi
- Lounge
- Breakfast kitchen
- Bathroom
- GCH & DG
- Carport & Garage

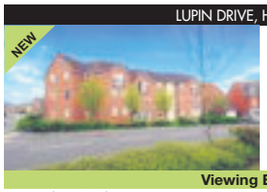
£675 pcm

SHAKESPEARE ROAD, CHASE TERRACE

- 3 Bed Semi
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen/Diner
- Shower Room & WC
- GCH, DG
- Gardens,

£700 pcm

LUPIN DRIVE, HUNTINGTON



Viewing Essential

- A Modern 1st Floor Apartment
- Entrance Hall
- Open Plan-Lounge /Kitchen
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Modern Bathroom
- Allocated Parking
- No Chain

£40,000 40% Share

CHALFONT COURT, CANNOCK

- A Very Well Presented Modern First Floor Apartment
- Security Intercom Entry System
- Hallway
- Lounge-Diner
- Modern Kitchen
- Modern Bathroom
- Spacious Bedroom
- Allocated Parking

£84,950 No Chain

ACORN CLOSE , HEATH HAYES

- A Well Presented End Town House
- Hall
- Lounge
- Re-Fitted Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Garden
- Allocated Parking

OIEO £100,000

HEDNESFORD ROAD, CANNOCK

- A Well Presented Mid Terrace House
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Ground Floor
- Bathroom
- Three Bedrooms
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Parking At Rear
- Town Centre Location

£105,000 No Chain

HOWELL MEWS, RUGELEY

- Immaculately Presented Apartment
- Security Entrance
- Entrance Hall
- Open-Plan Lounge/ Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms
- En-Suite & Bathroom
- Communal Gardens
- Allocated Parking

£118,000

WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD, CANNOCK

- A Well Presented Semi Det House
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Utility Area & Guest WC
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Delightful Rear Garden
- Town Centre Location

£119,950

BLAKE CLOSE, CANNOCK

- Semi Detached House
- Hallway
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gardens
- Garage & Driveway

£125,000 No Chain

FOXES RAKE, CANNOCK

- A well presented semi detached house
- GCH & DG
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- Driveway

£129,950

MELBOURNE ROAD, HEATH HAYES

- A Spacious Semi Detached House
- Entrance Hallway
- Family Lounge-Diner
- Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Garage

£129,950

PYE GREEN ROAD, CANNOCK

- Well Presented and Spacious Semi Det House
- Through Hall
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Conservatory
- Kitchen
- Ground Floor Guest WC & Shower Room
- Three Bedrooms & Family Bathroom

£138,500

MOUNT STREET, HEDNESFORD

- A Spacious Semi Det House
- Hall / Guest WC
- Family Lounge
- Kitchen
- Dining Room
- Four Double Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Large Gardens /Ample ORP

£159,950

ROWAN CLOSE, HUNTINGTON

- A Superbly Presented Semi Det House
- Entrance Hall / Guest WC
- Modern Kitchen
- Delightful Lounge-Diner
- Master Bedroom With Ensuite
- Two Further Bedrooms
- Modern Bathroom
- Driveway & Gardens

£165,000

CATSBRIDGE LANE, FOUR CROSSES

- Semi det house situated in a sought after semi rural location
- Entrance Hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Utility Area & Guest WC
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Good Size Gardens & Driveway

£180,000

HEDNESFORD STREET, CANNOCK

- Reception Hall
- Lounge & Sitting Room
- Dining Room & Large Conservatory
- Kitchen & Utility Room
- Ground Floor Bathroom
- Three 1st Floor Bedrooms
- 1st Bathroom/Shower Room
- Driveway & Garage

£200,000 No Chain

WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD, CHESLYN HAY

Viewing Essential

- An Impressive Detached Bungalow
- Impressive Open Plan Kitchen & Lounge Area
- Utility Room & Guest WC
- Impressive Bathroom
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Garage, Driveway & Gardens

£249,950 No Chain

PARTRIDGE CLOSE, HUNTINGTON

- An Extremely Well Presented Detached Home
- Through Hallway & Guest WC
- Family Lounge, Dining Room
- Re-Fitted Breakfast Kitchen
- Conservatory & Family Room
- Four Bedrooms
- Luxury Re-Fitted Ensuite & Family Bathroom

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Great Wyrley Office - £436,500

CHESLYN HAY, WALLACE COURT

- Impressive detached house
- Prime Cul-de-Sac location
- Three reception rooms
- Superb breakfast kitchen
- Utility room, guest WC
- Gardens, driveway, garage
- EPC rating C

5 2

Great Wyrley Office - £389,950

BLOXWICH, STONEY LANE

- Superb extended, detached house
- Security alarm, double garage
- 2 elegent reception rooms
- Fitted kitchen, Conservatory
- Downstairs shower room
- Stunning plot with mature gardens
- Energy Rating E

5 2

Burntwood Office - £375,000

BURNTWOOD, CHASE ROAD

- Unique detached cottage
- Two receptions, kitchen
- Two bedroom annexe
- Substantial rear garden
- Swimming pool, log cabin
- Courtyard, double garage
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GREAT WYRLEY, SPRING DRIVE

- Impressive detached bungalow
- Private Cul-de-Sac location
- 2 reception rooms
- Kitchen, utility room
- Rear garden with garden room
- Off-road parking, double garage
- EPC rating D

3 2

Burntwood Office - £325,000

BURNTWOOD, ELDER LANE

- Impressive detached house
- Two reception rooms
- Kitchen, conservatory
- Front & rear gardens
- Garage, driveway, workshops
- No upward chain
- EPC rating to follow

4 2

Burntwood Office - £300,000

BURNTWOOD, HOSPITAL ROAD

- Executive family home
- Extensive rear garden
- Ample off road parking
- Open plan living
- Sought after location
- Delightful views to the front
- EPC Rating E

4 2

Great Wyrley Office - £280,000

GREAT WYRLEY, HILTON LANE

- Spacious detached property
- Extended family accommodation
- Lounge, kitchen, guest WC
- Family room, conservatory
- Neatly maintained gardens
- Driveway parking
- EPC rating to follow

4 1

Great Wyrley Office - £270,000

TURNBERRY, DOWNFIELD CLOSE

- Impressive detached house
- Quiet Cul-de-Sac location
- Lounge / dining room
- Conservatory
- Breakfast kitchen
- Driveway, garage
- EPC rating D

4 2

Burntwood Office - £270,000

HAMMERWICH, PINGLE LANE

- Superb semi-detached house
- Rural village location
- Countryside views
- Immaculate fitted kitchen
- Ground floor bathroom
- Separate WC
- EPC rating to follow

3 2

Great Wyrley Office - £239,950

GREAT WYRLEY, SPRING DRIVE

- Impressive detached bungalow
- Private Cul-de-Sac location
- Spacious lounge, kitchen
- Dining room / large conservatory
- 2 double bedrooms
- Bathroom, guest WC
- Gardens, driveway, garage
- EPC rating D

2 1

Great Wyrley Office - £224,950

GREAT WYRLEY, QUINTON AVENUE

- Spacious detached property
- Extended accommodation
- Through lounge / dining room
- Family room, conservatory
- Superb breakfast kitchen
- Gardens, driveway, garage
- EPC rating D

4 1

Burntwood Office - £210,000

HAMMERWICH, OVERTON LANE

- Cottage style home
- Spacious open plan kitchen/diner
- Ample off road parking
- Mature private rear garden
- Countryside views to the rear
- Sought after village location
- EPC rating C

3 1

Burntwood Office - £210,000

BURNTWOOD, HOSPITAL ROAD

- Spacious family home
- Generous rear garden
- Delightful views to the front
- Good size bedrooms
- Plenty of potential
- Sought after location
- EPC rating D

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GREAT WYRLEY, GORSEY LANE

- Modern mid-terraced property
- Three storey accommodation
- Convenient village location
- Spacious lounge / diner
- Kitchen, guest WC, conservatory
- Garage & off road parking
- EPC rating B

3 2

Great Wyrley Office - £184,250

CHURCHBRIDGE, NUTHURST DRIVE

- Superb bungalow
- Prime location
- Fully refurbished
- Lounge, kitchen
- Full width conservatory
- Garage. No onward chain
- EPC rating to follow

2 1

Burntwood Office - £180,000

NORTON CANES, HILL STREET

- Semi-detached bungalow
- Cul-de-Sac location
- Lounge, conservatory
- Kitchen / breakfast room
- Loft conversion
- No onward chain
- EPC rating D

2 1

Great Wyrley Office - £174,950

CHESLYN HAY, SUTHERLAND ROAD

- Well proportioned semi
- Sought after village location
- Through lounge / dining room
- Kitchen, sun room
- Good sized rear garden
- Driveway, detached garage
- EPC rating to follow

3 1

Great Wyrley Office - £174,950

CHURCHBRIDGE, NUTHURST DRIVE

- Impressive semi-detached house
- Prime location
- Beautifully presented interiors
- Modern fixtures & fittings
- Lounge, kitchen/diner, utility
- Garage & driveway
- EPC rating D

3 1

Great Wyrley Office - £159,950

GREAT WYRLEY, WALSALL ROAD

- Superb period semi
- Spacious accommodation
- Lounge, dining room
- Extended breakfast kitchen
- Long rear garden
- Outbuilding with power supply
- EPC rating E

3 1

Burntwood Office - £120,000

RUGELEY, HARDIE AVENUE

- Spacious semi-detached house
- Well presented accommodation
- Lounge/dining room
- Modern breakfast kitchen
- Tiered rear garden
- Driveway parking
- EPC rating E

3 1

Great Wyrley Office - £69,950

GREAT WYRLEY, PENNY COURT

- Spacious first floor apartment
- Popular village location
- Suit first time buyer / investor
- Lounge / diner, breakfast kitchen
- Communal grounds and parking
- No upward chain
- EPC rating D

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Brereton Manor Court
BRERETON

Well presented four bedroom detached house / Sought after cul-de-sac location / Spacious living & sleeping accommodation / Open plan breakfast kitchen / Good sized private rear garden / Integral garage /

£300,000

St Christopher Close
RAWNSLEY

Immaculately presented four bedroom detached family home / Enivable corner plot in quiet cul-de-sac / Tastefully decorated & finished to high modern standard / Driveway for up to six vehicles /

£295,000

Walsall Road
GREAT WYRLEY

Well presented four bedroom detached house / Private gated driveway / Rear garden / Spacious living & sleeping accommodation / Study, utility & WC / Four bedrooms, three of which are doubles ●

£285,000

Bower Lane
ETCHING HILL

Charming two/thee bedroom character property built in the 1800s / Potential building plot / Sought after semi rural location / Quadruple garage

£285,000

Wolverhampton Road
CANNOCK

Four bedroom character property with a unique bespoke design / Spacious accommodation throughout / Large lounge with feature Inglenook fireplace

Offers in Excess of £280,000

Gloucester Way
HEATH HAYES

Extended & immaculately presented detached family home / Set on a good sized corner plot down a quiet cul-de-sac / Tastefully decorated and finished to a good standard / Spacious reception rooms

£274,950

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NORTON CANES

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£245,000

Nelson Drive
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Three bedroom detached bungalow / Spacious living & sleeping accommodation / NO ONWARD CHAIN / Driveway providing off road parking

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£225,000

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Extended four bedroom detached house / Good sized corner plot in the sought after residential area of Etching Hill / Spacious living and sleeping accommodation

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£175,000

Haig Close
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£165,000

Meadowbrook Close
HEDNESFORD

Three bedroom semi detached house / Sought after modern residential area / Two allocated parking spaces / Modern fitted kitchen / Private rear garden / Good sized open plan lounge-diner

£155,000

Pinewood Avenue
CANNOCK

Three bedroom semi detached house / Spacious open plan lounge-diner / Modern fitted kitchen and bathroom / Oversized garage and driveway providing off road parking

£145,000

Hednesford Road
NORTON CANES

Two bedroom character property / Fantastic semi rural location / Rolling views of the countryside to the front & rear / Newly modern fitted kitchen & bathroom

£140,000

Chapel Street
HEATH HAYES

Semi detached character property / Large rear garden ideal for entertaining / Modern breakfast kitchen and bathroom / Two double bedrooms with w/c to the master

£140,000

Albert Street
CANNOCK

Three bedroom semi detached house / Spacious open plan lounge-diner / Modern fitted bathroom / Good sized private rear garden / Driveway providing off road parking

£135,000

Stevens Drive
HEDNESFORD

Two bedroom semi-detached house / Well established residential area / NO CHAIN & VACANT POSSESSION / Driveway and private rear garden / Conservatory to the rear

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Two bedroom end terraced house / Newly fitted kitchen / Spacious lounge / Private rear garden / Allocated parking

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High Street, Norton Canes
£110,000

Connells Estate Agents have for salr this three bedroom semi-detached in Norton Canes, near to bus links, schools and local shops. The property briefly comprises of a entrance hall, family lounge, fitted kitchen, separate dining room, scope for downstairs WC as there originally was when first built. The first floor comprises of a landing, bathroom with wash hand basin, separate WC, three bedrooms all of a good size. To the front the property briefly comprises of a driveway providing parking for multiple cars and to the rear there is entertaining patio and graveled area and further ron a separate lawn area amongs are various shrubs and trees. The property comprises of entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, rear entrance porch, three bed rooms, WC, bathroom, off road parking and rear garden. Energy rating: E.

Dartmouth Mews, Dartmouth Road
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CONNELLS ESTATE AGENTS are pleased to market for sale this two bedroom, TWO STOREY, maisonette property located in Cannock Town Centre.

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Church Street, Cannock
£135,000

Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market for sale this three bedroom semi-detached house located in Cannock. The property briefly comprises of family lounge, modern fitted kitchen with dining area, modern fitted bathroom with wash hand basin, bath and WC and on the first floor three double bedrooms. Externally to the front there is a paved entrance courtyard, double gated shared access to the rear which is block paved. To the rear there is a driveway providing parking for multiple vehicles and enclosed private garden with a paved entertaining patio area and separate lawn area. Energy rating: E.

Stag Crescent, Norton Canes
£165,000

Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market for sale this three bedroom semi-detached house located in Norton Canes, near to Norton Canes Primary & High School, shops and transport links. The property briefly comprises of entrance porch, family lounge and dining area, modern fitted kitchen, three bedrooms all of a good size, bathroom with shower, bath, wash hand basin and WC. Externally to the front the property provides parking for multiple vehicles, access into garage through double doors, secure gated side access to the rear and also to the side PVC double glazed door in to the garage. To the rear there is a paved entertaining patio area, separate lawn area with various shrubs and trees amongst. Energy rating: E.

Sutherland Road, Cheslyn Hay
£175,000

CONNELLS ESTATE AGENTS are pleased to market for sale this three bedroom semi-detached property located in Cheslyn Hay. The property briefly comprises of entrance hall, porch, lounge / diner, kitchen, sun lounge, three bedrooms, bathroom and garage. Energy rating: C.

Cannock Road, Cannock
£179,950

CONNELLS ESTATE AGENTS are pleased to market for sale this three bedroom detached property in Cannock. The property comprises of entrance porch, lounge, kitchen, downstairs WC, three bedrooms, bathroom, driveway providing off road parking, and garage. Energy rating: E.

Hawthorne Road, Cheslyn Hay
£179,950

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Baldwin Grove, CANNOCK
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Chancery Drive, Hednesford
£240,000

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Marigold Close, Heath Hayes
£269,950

CONNELLS ESTATE AGENTS are pleased to market for sale this 4 bedroom semi-detached property located in Heath Hayes. The property comprises of entrance hall, downstairs WC, lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility room, four bedrooms - master having en-suite, bathroom and garage. Energy rating: awaited.

Wolverhampton Road, Wedges Mills
£280,000

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Poplar Lane, Cannock
£290,000

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Turf Close, Norton Canes
£335,000

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See **www.gentingarena.co.uk**

Wonderland

Until February 11
New Alex Theatre, Birmingham
Corrie star Wendi Peters (pictured) will play the Queen of Hearts, alongside West End star Kerry Ellis as Alice.
See **www.atgtickets.com/shows/wonderland/new-alexandra-theatre-birmingham**

Karnataka

Sunday, 8.30pm
Robin 2, Bilston
Welsh progressive rock band fronted by Hayley Griffiths and featuring original member Ian Jones will perform their albums The Gathering Light and Secrets Of Angels in full.
See **www.therobin.co.uk**

Macka B

Monday, 8pm
Robin 2, Bilston
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Sunday Classics
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Birmingham, B12 9QH.
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And now it's come full circle, drawing to an end with the final eight shows ever by Black Sabbath. Ozzy Osbourne, Tony Iommi and Geezer Butler are returning home to close the final chapter in the final volume of the incredible Black Sabbath story.

Sabbath's farewell tour, The End, is currently wowing fans all over Europe, surpassing all previous tours with their most mesmerising production ever.

Playing Brum together for the last time, Geezer Butler, Ozzy Osbourne, Tony Iommi

Arena

It will culminate in two nights in their home town at the Genting Arena, Birmingham, with gigs last night (Thursday) and the big finale on Saturday.

And when the tour concludes, it will truly be The End – of one of the most legendary bands in rock 'n' roll history.

Singer Ozzy is aware of the band's mortality. Following a short period that took away Lemmy, David Bowie, Prince and others, he's aware that all things must end.

"Lemmy, man," he says. "That broke my heart. If someone was to say to me, 'what's your depiction of the heavy metal rock star?', I'd say Lemmy Kilmister."

Ozzy has had more than his fair share of brushes with the Grim Reaper. He's been down but not out. "Oh, f***ing hell have I. Just ask my family. I've nearly died loads. I've had several stomach pumps, my heart stopped twice when I broke my neck on a quad bike. Every time I got stoned and drunk, I didn't get tipsy I got mashed.

"I haven't drunk for three years, I haven't smoked for 12 years, I don't do drugs any time. It's cool."

The band no longer features founding drummer Bill Ward, who left the fold in 2012 after a contract dispute. Ozzy, Tony and Geezer thundered on, releasing 13 in 2013, and embarking on a world tour.

They decided not to do a final album because they didn't want it to fall short of the number 1 they achieved with 13.

But despite this being the band's final tour, Ozzy won't be retiring. "I'm not going to stop entirely," he says. "I'm not going to sit with my slippers on. We're just going to go in different directions.

"Black Sabbath, it's been up and down. And it's good that we've come back together at the end, more or less, to finish on a high note. It's a good way to do it."

Spectacular Red Shoes

ACCLAIMED choreographer Matthew Bourne brings his New Adventures dance company to Birmingham Hippodrome from Tuesday to Saturday as part of his world premiere tour of The Red Shoes.

Bourne's take on one of the most famous movies made about ballet has been so eagerly anticipated that his is likely to sell out its run in Brum and has already been booked to return between July 19 and 22.

And that's no surprise given the way Bourne has invigorated the ballet scene with such productions as his radical male-orientated revamp of Swan Lake, the passionate Car Man, spectacular Edward Scissorhands and romantic vampire-style Sleeping Beauty.

The role of Victoria Page, the girl who dreams of being a great dancer, immortalised on screen by Moira Shearer, has been created by New Adventures star Ashley Shaw (pictured left), who was most recently seen as Aurora in Bourne's Sleeping Beauty. Rising star and fellow Aurora, Cordelia Braithwaite, also plays the role along with Sleeping Beauty favourite Katrina Lyndon in her principal role debut at certain performances. For tickets see www.birminghamhippodrome.com or call 0844 338 5000.

Ballet is also on the agenda at Wolverhampton Grand Theatre where the Russian State Ballet of Siberia make their annual visit from Sunday to Tuesday. This year's repertoire is The Nutcracker on Sunday (4pm), Swan Lake on Monday (7.30) and Coppelia on Tuesday (7.30). See the website www.grandtheatre.co.uk or call 01902 429212.

Transatlantic folk unite for Brum gig

SHETLAND fiddler Aly Bain and US dobro master Jerry Douglas are joined by John Paul White, Tift Merritt, Dick Powell, Jim Lauderdale and ex-Fairground Attraction singer Eddi Reader for Transatlantic Sessions at Symphony Hall, Birmingham, on Thursday (Feb 9).

St Leonard's Horses (AKA Kieran Leonard) blends folk, country and rock at the Sunflower Lounge in Brum city centre this Saturday. Guardian journalist George Monbiot and folk singer Ewan McLennan, who collaborated on album Breaking The Spell Of Loneliness, are at the MAC, in Cannon Hill Park, Edgbaston on Wednesday.

Wonders full of melodic power pop

PENNSYLVANIA pop-punk outfit The Wonder Years follow up fifth album No Closer To Heaven with a gig at the O2 Institute tomorrow (Friday) with support from PUP and Tiny Moving Parts.

Howie Payne, from Liverpool group The Stands, is at the Hare & Hounds in Kings Heath on Tuesday.

X Factor boy band Union J play Brum's O2 Academy 2 on Wednesday featuring new member Casey Johnson from Stereo Kicks. London guitar slingers Inheaven bring their wall of sound to Wolverhampton's Slade Rooms next Thursday (Feb 9) with Freak supporting.

Anthrax are back among the living

IT'S a good week ahead for rock fans. As well as the Black Sabbath gigs at the Genting Arena (see above), New York thrash metal monsters Anthrax are back in Blighty for a series of gigs, including Birmingham's O2 Institute next Thursday, February 9. The powerhouse five-piece fronted by Joey Belladonna will be blasting Digbeth with fans' favourite album, Among The Living, plus latest record For All Kings. Support from London's The Raven Age.

If you prefer your raw rock vintage style, rockabilly combo The Deadshots are at the Hare & Hounds, Kings Heath, on Sunday.

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SATURDAY'S TV FEBRUARY 4

CHOICE

Tom Hardy

Taboo
(BBC1, 9.15pm)
A duel at dawn takes a surprising turn, as mercurial adventurer and would-be international business magnate James Delaney is blackmailed into a dangerous mission, one which takes the form of a deadly race against time. Meanwhile, Delaney's malevolent brother-in-law Thorne pushes his seething jealousy into a vicious and spiritual realm, and as the threat of an embarrassing loss to the colonial upstarts in the Americas rises, the animosity between the Crown and the East India Company escalates to new heights. Historical drama, starring Tom Hardy and Jefferson Hall.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** The Best Dishes Ever. (R) **12.00** Football Focus. **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Six Nations Preview. **2.00** Live Six Nations Rugby Union. Scotland v Ireland (Kick-off 2.25pm). **4.30** Final Score. **5.30** BBC News. **5.40** Regional Programme. **5.50** Pointless Celebrities. (R)

6.40 Let It Shine. The talent contest changes tack, as Mel Giedroyc and Graham Norton introduce the next stage of the selection process. This week, the would-be pop stars get a taste of performing in groups for the first time, and Lulu takes up Amber Riley's former position on the judging panel. The theme for this round is "collaboration", with each group of boys teaming up with either Olly Murs, Kaiser Chiefs, Melanie C, Busted or Beverley Knight to perform three-song mega-sets in their new ensembles. After each performance, judges Dannii Minogue, Lulu, Martin Kemp and Gary Barlow must select five lads from each group to form the bands for next week's live round.

8.25 Casualty. The morning of Charlie's wedding arrives, and Cal and Ethan wake hung-over following a riotous the stag party. However, the pair have no memory of the previous night's events, Charlie is missing, and Cal seems to have acquired a mysterious suitcase, which is cuffed to his wrist. Retracing their steps takes them back to a B&B, a tattoo parlour and a strip club, leading to a deadly encounter with a criminal intent on reclaiming the suitcase. Meanwhile, Duffy worries that her groom has developed cold feet, Iain receives a visiting order from Gem, and Elle learns a second complaint has been made against her.

9.15 Taboo. James Delaney is blackmailed into accepting a deadly mission.

10.15 BBC News; Weather.; National Lottery Update.

10.30 Match of the Day. Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches, which included Chelsea v Arsenal at Stamford Bridge.

12.00 The NFL Show. **12.35 Film:** Disconnect. (2012) **2.25** Weather for the Week Ahead. **2.30** BBC News.

BBC2

6.50 Film: Lady Luck. (1946) **8.25 Film:** School for Scoundrels. (1960) **10.00** Britain's Secret Seas. (R) **11.00** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **12.00** A Cook Abroad: Dave Myers' Egypt. (R) **1.00 Film:** The Importance of Being Earnest. (2002) Oscar Wilde comedy, starring Rupert Everett and Colin Firth. **2.30** Natural World. (R) **3.30** The World's Most Extraordinary Homes. (R) **4.30** Mastermind. (R) **5.00** University Challenge. (R) **5.30** Only Connect. (R)

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CHANNEL 4

6.20 The King of Queens. (R) **6.45** The King of Queens. (R) **7.10** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.35** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.25** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.50** The Simpsons. (R) **11.20** The Simpsons. (R) **11.50** Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast. (R) **12.55** Come Dine with Me. (R) **1.25** Come Dine with Me. (R) **1.55** Come Dine with Me. (R) **2.25** Come Dine with Me. (R) **2.55** Come Dine with Me. (R) **3.25** A Place in the Sun: Summer Sun. (R) **4.30** Location, Location, Location. (R) **5.30** Grand Designs. (R)

6.30 Channel 4 News.

7.00 Penelope Keith's Hidden Villages. Penelope visits North Yorkshire, England's largest county, where she samples local dialect in the remote villages of Upper Swaledale. She also takes in the sights of Cracoe, the village featured in the film Calendar Girls, and heads for the North York Moors and Goathland, where she witnesses a Viking sword dance. Plus, a trip to the failed seaside resort of Ravenscar, and a tour of an artists' retreat in Staithes. (R)

8.00 Great Canal Journeys. Timothy West and Prunella Scales embark on a journey into their pasts via the Leeds and Liverpool Canal, which celebrates its 200th anniversary this year. Along the way, they visit the country's last surviving steam-powered textile mill, meander through the "curlies", and meet acclaimed poet Simon Armitage. They also take a trip by steam train to the home of the Bronte sisters in Haworth, and are confronted by the Salts Mill after tackling the steepest lock staircase in Britain. Last in the series. (R)

9.00 Film: A Million Ways to Die in the West. (2014) Premiere. A timid farmer abandoned by his girlfriend is fascinated by a mysterious woman who rides into his frontier town. He tries to act the part of a gunslinging Wild West hero to impress her, only to find himself facing a showdown with her notorious outlaw husband. Western spoof, directed by and starring Seth MacFarlane.

11.15 Film: Van Helsing. (2004)

1.40 The Last Leg. (R) **2.35** Hollyoaks. **4.45** Win It Cook It. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **9.55** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.30 Film:** Kelly's Heroes. (1970) **1.10** Police Interceptors. (R) **2.10** Police Interceptors. (R) **3.10** The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door. (R) **4.10** The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door. (R) **5.10** Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords. (R)

6.10 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. Documentary giving an insight into the world of debt collection from the perspectives of debtors, creditors and those who collect the payments. Repossession experts Mike Allonby and Terry Jones roam the streets, looking for cars belonging to people with outstanding unpaid loans, while high court enforcement officers Paul Bohill and Steve Pinner evict a taxi driver from his home of 19 years for a debt of almost £30,000. (R)

7.05 NCIS: Los Angeles. The team investigates when a naval seaman and an infamous arms dealer are found dead near the Mexican border.

8.00 NCIS. Abby visits a pharmaceutical lab to investigate a murder case, but when armed men storm the facility and hold everyone hostage, she finds herself trapped within the building.

8.55 5 News Weekend.

9.00 Football on 5: The Championship. George Riley and Lynsey Hipgrave introduce action from the latest fixtures, which included Bristol City v Rotherham United at Ashton Gate, Ipswich Town v Reading at Portman Road, and Nottingham Forest v Aston Villa at The City Ground.

10.00 Football on 5: Goal Rush. George Riley and Lynsey Hipgrave introduce all the goals from the latest matches in Leagues One and Two, including Shrewsbury Town v Bury, and Cambridge United v Plymouth Argyle.

10.30 Britain's Biggest Armed Robbery. The Brinks Mat heist of 1983, the country's biggest and most notorious armed robbery, which caused the price of gold to soar and sent ripples through the criminal underworld.

11.30 Police Interceptors: Takedown. Vinnie Jones joins up with officers from two forces. (R)

12.00 SuperCasino. **3.10** Celebrity Botched Up Bodies. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four

7.00 Timeshift: Magnificent Machines – The Golden Age of the British Sports Car **8.00** Treasures of the Indus **9.00** Attenborough and the Giant Egg **10.00** The Young Montalbano **11.45** Top of the Pops: 1983 **12.50** Robert Plant @ Glastonbury **2.00** The Rolling Stones at the BBC **2.45** Jeff Lynne's ELO in Concert **3.50** Close

ITV2

11.20 Ninja Warrior UK **12.20** Take Me Out **1.25** You've Been Framed! Gold **1.50 Film:** Step Up 2: The Streets (2008) **2.50** FYI Daily **2.55 Film:** Step Up 2: The Streets (2008) **3.55 Film:** Inspector Gadget (1999) **4.55** FYI Daily **5.00 Film:** Inspector Gadget (1999) **5.30 Film:** Snow Dogs (2002) **6.30** FYI Daily **6.35 Film:** Snow Dogs (2002) **7.35 Film:** The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring (2001) **8.35** FYI Daily **8.40 Film:** The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring (2001) **11.00** Family Guy **12.30** American Dad! **12.55 Film:** Run Fat Boy Run (2007) **1.55** FYI Daily **2.05 Film:** Run Fat Boy Run (2007) **2.45** Teleshopping **5.45** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3

12.00 Film: Carry On Jack (1963) **12.45** Lewis **2.50** Wycliffe **4.00** Agatha Christie's Marple **6.00** Midsomer Murders **8.00** Doc Martin **9.00** Midsomer Murders **11.00** Lewis **1.00** Blue Murder **2.00** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

ITV4

11.00 Counting Cars **11.50** Pawn Stars **1.15** Barcelona's European Glory **1.30** ITV Racing Live from Sandown. **4.00 Film:** Superman (1978) **5.00** FYI Daily **5.05 Film:** Superman (1978) **6.55** Mr Bean **8.00** River Monsters **9.05 Film:** Bullitt (1968) **10.05** FYI Daily **10.10 Film:** Bullitt (1968) **11.25 Film:** Game of Death (2010) **12.25** FYI Daily **12.30 Film:** Game of Death (2010) **1.30** Hell on Wheels **2.25** Tommy Cooper **2.50** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping

E4

3.30 Brooklyn Nine-Nine **4.00** The Big Bang Theory **8.00** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **9.00 Film:** X-Men (2000) **11.00** Gogglebox **12.40** The Inbetweeners **1.50** Chewing Gum **2.25** Virtually Famous **3.05** The Inbetweeners **4.00** Rude Tube

Film4

11.00 Millions (2004) **1.00** Carry On Nurse (1959) **2.45** The Borrowers (1997) **4.25** Von Ryan's Express (1965) **6.45** Tower Heist (2011) **9.00** A Good Day to Die Hard (2013) **10.55** Resident Evil: Extinction (2007) **12.45** District 9 (2009) **3.00** Close

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CHOICE

Caprice

The Jump (Channel 4, 7.30pm)
New series. Davina McCall presents the celebrity winter sport show, with contestants Bradley Wiggins, Spencer Matthews, Robbie Fowler, Caprice, Jade Jones, Louis Smith, Kadeena Cox, Lydia Bright, Mark Dolan, Vogue Williams, Jason Robinson, Gareth Thomas, Josie Gibson and Emma Parker Bowles risking life and limb. The first challenge they face is a gruelling parallel slalom down a mountain course, with the losers of each head-to-head race facing the jump to determine which one of them will be eliminated from the contest.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **7.25** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** Regional Programme. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **2.15** Wanted Down Under. (R) **2.45** Escape to the Country. (R) **3.30** Songs of Praise. **4.05** Spy in the Wild. (R) **5.05** Spy in the Wild. (R)

6.05 BBC News.

6.20 Regional Programme.

6.30 Countryfile. An episode focused on birds, in which Matt Baker visits an RSPB reserve for pink-footed geese on the Norfolk Coast and a school taking part in a bird count. Helen Skelton goes in search of flocks of starlings in Cumbria and meets an artist who paints using feather quills. Tom Heap reports on the latest outbreak of bird flu, while Adam Henson reveals the steps he is taking to prevent the spread of the disease on his farm. Including weather for the week ahead.

7.30 Still Open All Hours. Granville opens a delivery point for internet shopping, and a particularly large order gives him an idea for how Gastric can find a way to impress Madge. Last in the series.

8.00 Call the Midwife. The government plans to close down small hospitals in favour of larger establishments. Dr Turner and Shelagh prepare for an inspection that will decide the maternity home's fate.

9.00 Apple Tree Yard. Yvonne is arrested for murder. She soon comes to realise that everything Costley told her was a lie – and that he is the only person who can keep her out of prison. Concludes tomorrow.

10.00 BBC News.

10.20 Regional Programme.

10.30 Match of the Day 2. Gabby Logan reviews the day's Premier League action, featuring Leicester City v Manchester United at the King Power Stadium and Manchester City v Swansea City at the Etihad Stadium.

11.20 NFL Live: Super Bowl 51. New England Patriots v Atlanta Falcons (Kick-off 11.30pm). Coverage of the showpiece match from NRG Stadium in Houston, Texas.

4.00 Weather for the Week Ahead. **4.05** BBC News.

BBC2

6.45 Big Dreams Small Spaces. (R) **7.45** An Island Parish: Anguilla. (R) **8.15** The Edible Garden. (R) **8.45** Countryfile. (R) **9.45** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.15** Nigel Slater's Dish of the Day. (R) **11.45** Nigellissima. (R) **12.15** MOTD2 Extra. **1.00** Live Netball. England v Australia (Centre-pass 1.00pm). **2.45** Nitro Athletics: Usain Bolt Takes On The World. **3.45** Money for Nothing. (R) **4.30** Flog It! (R) **5.15** Ski Sunday.

6.00 Six Nations Rugby Union. John Inverdale introduces action from the opening weekend of this year's tournament, featuring Scotland v Ireland at Murrayfield, 2016 Grand Slam winners England v France at Twickenham and Italy v Wales at the Stadio Olimpico.

7.00 City in the Sky. Dallas Campbell and Dr Hannah Fry conclude the series by examining the process of bringing a plane safely to the ground. Hannah meets air traffic controllers at the world's busiest airport and visits a site that has seen over 2000 unscheduled landings in the last decade. Dallas sits in the cockpit of a plane heading for Paro, Bhutan, a place where only 26 pilots in the world are qualified to land. Last in the series. (R)

8.00 Dragons' Den. The panel assess the profit-making potential of a plan for teaching children languages, a security gadget for patio doors, a device for the hard of hearing and a range of soup.

9.00 Special Forces – Ultimate Hell Week. Army training challenge, in which contestants must endure gruelling military-grade conditioning drills from around the world.

10.00 Live at the Apollo. Sitcom star and The Last Leg regular Josh Widdicombe welcomes Londoner Nathan Caton and Australian comic Celia Pacquola to the stage at London's Hammersmith Apollo. (R)

10.45 Women's Six Nations Highlights. Highlights from this year's tournament.

11.15 Davis Cup Tennis. Canada v Great Britain. Sue Barker presents action from the concluding singles rubbers on day three of the World Group first-round tie at The Arena at TD Place, Ottawa.

12.45 Sign Zone: Question Time. (R) **1.45** Holby City. (R) **2.45** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. **6.10** Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. (R) **6.25** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.45** Sooty. (R) **6.55** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.00** Super 4. (R) **7.15** Oddbods. (R) **7.20** Oddbods. (R) **7.30** Scrambled!: Scrambled! **7.35** Scrambled!: Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) **7.50** Scrambled!: Ultimate Spider-Man: Web Warriors. **8.20** Scrambled!: Horrid Henry. (R) **8.45** Scrambled!: Teen Titans Go! (R) **9.05** Scrambled!: Adventure Time. (R) **9.25** Countrywise: Guide to Britain. (R) **10.00** Peston on Sunday. **10.55** Gino's Italian Escape: Hidden Italy. (R) **11.25** The Voice UK. (R) **12.55** ITV News; Weather. **1.00** Live Six Nations Rugby Union. Italy v Wales (Kick-off 2.00pm). **4.15** The Chase. (R) **5.15** Ninja Warrior UK. (R)

6.15 ITV News; Weather.

6.30 Dance Dance Dance. Alesha Dixon and Will Best host the semi-final of the celebrity dance contest. To win a place in the final, each contestant must give a solo and a duo performance, recreating dance routines made famous in music videos by artists including Rihanna, Michael Jackson and Sia. Judges Ashley Banjo, Tina Landon and Timor Steffens are on hand to decide who will be going through to the final.

8.00 Lion Country: Night and Day. New series. Cameras follow two prides of lions in their territory of Zambia's South Luangwa National Park over the course of six months. A cub's curiosity gets the better of him when it strays from the pride's territory, and becomes easy prey for leopards and hyenas. A lioness tries to rejoin a pride, but many of the males in the group are resistant to the idea. The camera crew gets closer to the big cats than they bargained for, and are forced to beat a hasty retreat.

9.00 The Good Karma Hospital. New series. Medical drama about a junior doctor who leaves the UK to start a new life in South India, and finds a new calling at a hospital run by an eccentric English ex-pat.

10.00 ITV News; Weather.

10.15 Peston on Sunday. Political magazine, presented by Robert Peston. (R)

11.15 Anglo-Welsh Cup Highlights.

12.20 Jackpot247. **3.00** Chopping Block. (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.10 The King of Queens. (R) **6.35** The King of Queens. (R) **7.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.55** Frasier. (R) **8.25** Frasier. (R) **8.55** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** George Clarke's Amazing Spaces. (R) **1.30** The Simpsons. (R) **2.00** The Simpsons. (R) **2.30** The Simpsons. (R) **3.00 Film:** Step Up All In. (2014) Premiere. Dance drama, starring Ryan Guzman. **5.15** Channel 4 News. **5.45 Film:** Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs. (2009) Sid the sloth discovers three eggs - but when they hatch into dinosaurs, he struggles to keep them under control. The creatures' mother comes looking for her offspring and takes them and Sid to an underground world where the giant reptiles never became extinct. Sid's friends, aided by a crazed one-eyed weasel, head for this strange new land to rescue him. Animated adventure sequel, with the voices of John Leguizamo, Denis Leary, Ray Romano and Simon Pegg.

7.30 The Jump. New series. Davina McCall presents the celebrity winter sport show, with 14 famous faces competing in dangerous challenges, beginning with a parallel slalom race down a mountain.

9.00 Homeland. Saul ventures to Abu Dhabi, and Carrie is forced to deliver bad news. Meanwhile, Quinn suspects something is amiss. Guest starring Dominic Fumusa (Nurse Jackie).

10.00 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown. Jimmy Carr hosts the comedy panel show's version of the words-and-numbers quiz, as Jon Richardson and Jayde Adams take on Sean Lock and Joe Wilkinson. (R)

11.00 Film: Magic Mike. (2012) A veteran male stripper teaches a young dancer the tricks of the trade, and introduces him to a hedonistic lifestyle. Comedy drama, starring Channing Tatum and Matthew McConaughey.

1.10 How to Lose Weight Well. Diet crashers Emma and Kaye have 10 days to slim down for a day at the races. Last in the series. (R) **2.05** Britain's Billionaire Immigrants. Focusing on China's elite who are obsessed with everything British. (R) **3.00** Your Face Says It All. Documentary revealing hidden secrets of the human face. (R) **3.55** Kirstie's Handmade Treasures. (R) **4.10** Phil Spencer: Secret Agent. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Milkshake! Monkey. **6.05** Milkshake! Bop Box. (R) **6.10** Peppa Pig. (R) **6.15** Wanda and the Alien. (R) **6.25** Bob the Builder. (R) **6.35** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **6.50** Zack and Quack. (R) **7.00** Seaside Antics. (R) **7.05** Fireman Sam. (R) **7.20** Pip Ahoy! (R) **7.30** Little Princess. (R) **7.50** Paw Patrol. (R) **8.00** Blaze and the Monster Machines. (R) **8.25** Noddy in Toyland. (R) **8.45** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.00** Shimmer and Shine. **9.20** Peppa Pig. (R) **9.35** Peppa Pig. (R) **9.45** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.55** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.30** Football on 5: The Championship. (R) **11.25** Football on 5: Goal Rush. (R) **12.00** Benefit House: Me & My 26 Kids. (R) **1.00** Benefits Britain: Life on the Dole. (R) **2.00** Benefits Britain: Life on the Dole. (R) **3.00 Film:** Leap Year. (2010) Romantic comedy, starring Amy Adams and Matthew Goode. **4.50 Film:** Around the World in 80 Days. (2004) Comedy adventure, starring Steve Coogan and Jackie Chan.

7.05 Film: Jackie Chan's The Medallion. (2003) An evil crime lord tries to capture a boy who has supernatural powers, but a team of international police officers is on his trail. One of the cops is killed saving the child, who resurrects him using a magical medallion. The revived detective now has superhuman abilities, which he uses to protect the youngster. Comedy adventure, with Jackie Chan, Lee Evans, Julian Sands, Claire Forlani and John Rhys-Davies. Edited for violence. Includes 5 News Update.

8.55 5 News Weekend.

9.00 When Live TV Goes Horribly Wrong. Memorable on-air hitches, including presenter Sarah Cawood recalling the time The National Lottery Jetset studio was invaded by Fathers for Justice protestors, Bucks Fizz star Cheryl Baker offering insight into Eurovision's most off-key moments, and veteran journalist John Stapleton opening up about the occasion The Time, The Place was taken off the air due to a demonstration. Plus, rare moments of imperfection on Lorraine, This Is Your Life and The Charlie Drake Show. Other contributors include Penny Smith, Dom Joly, Maria McErlane and Matt Johnson.

12.05 Celebrity Botched Up Bodies. (R) **1.00** SuperCasino. **3.10** Get Your Tatts Out: Kavos Ink. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four

7.00 Hidden Killers of the Victorian Home **8.00** British History's Biggest Fibs with Lucy Worsley **9.00** Darcey Bussell: Looking for Margot **10.00 Film:** The Past (2013) **12.05** Legends of the Deep: Deep Sea Sharks **1.00** Legends of the Deep: Giant Squid **1.45** Horizon: The Power of the Placebo **2.45** Darcey Bussell: Looking for Margot **3.45** Close

ITV2

2.50 Film: Mr Magorium's Wonder Emporium (2007) **3.50** FYI Daily **3.55 Film:** Mr Magorium's Wonder Emporium (2007) **4.40 Film:** The Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement (2004) **5.40** FYI Daily **5.45 Film:** The Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement (2004) **7.00 Film:** Evan Almighty (2007) **8.00** FYI Daily **8.05 Film:** Evan Almighty (2007) **9.00** Ibiza Weekender XXL **10.30** Family Guy **12.25** American Dad! **1.25** The Cleveland Show **2.15** Teleshopping **5.45** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3

2.45 Agatha Christie's Marple **4.50** Wycliffe **5.55** This Time Next Year **7.00** Midsomer Murders **9.00** Tonight at the London Palladium **10.00** Birds of a Feather **10.30 Film:** Captain Corelli's Mandolin (2001) **11.30** FYI Daily **11.35 Film:** Captain Corelli's Mandolin (2001) **1.05** A Touch of Frost **2.50** Wycliffe **3.45** May the Best House Win **5.25** On the Buses **5.55** ITV3 Nightscreen

ITV4

2.45 Film: Every Which Way But Loose (1978) **3.45** FYI Daily **3.50 Film:** Every Which Way But Loose (1978) **5.00 Film:** Superman (1978) **6.05** FYI Daily **6.10 Film:** Superman (1978) **8.00** The Chase: Celebrity Special **9.00** Anglo-Welsh Cup Highlights **10.05 Film:** Mars Attacks! (1996) **11.05** FYI Daily **11.10 Film:** Mars Attacks! (1996) **12.15 Film:** A Dangerous Man (2010) **1.15** FYI Daily **1.20 Film:** A Dangerous Man (2010) **2.10** Hell on Wheels **2.55** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping

E4

2.10 The Goldbergs **4.00** The Big Bang Theory **6.25 Film:** Battleship (2012) **9.00** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **10.00 Film:** This Means War (2012) **12.00** Tattoo Fixers **1.05** Gogglebox **2.10** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **3.00** Rude Tube

Film4

11.00 City of Ember (2008) **1.00** Carry On Constable (1960) **2.40** Bandslam (2009) **4.50** The Jewel of the Nile (1985) **7.00** Turner & Hooch (1989) **9.00** The Purge: Anarchy (2014) **11.05** Whiteout (2009) **1.10** Viva Riva! (2010) **3.10** Close

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PICK OF THE WEEK

FILM CHOICES

MONDAY
The Bucket List, Channel 5, 10.30pm
Two terminally ill cancer patients, one a wealthy tycoon, the other a penniless mechanic, resolve to enjoy the time they have left to live life to the full. While in hospital, the pair draw up a list of all the things they have always wanted to do but never found the time, before embarking on a mission to try them all. Comedy, starring Jack Nicholson. (2007)

TUESDAY
Killer Assistant, Channel 5, 3.20pm
A high-profile magazine editor seemingly has the perfect life and career. However, when she takes on a new assistant, a brief affair and his clandestine plotting threatens to send the woman into a downward spiral of life-changing proportions. Thriller, starring Arianne Zucker and Brando Eaton. (2016)

WEDNESDAY
Someone to Watch Over Me, BBC1, 11.45pm
A New York socialite witnesses a club owner's murder at the hands of a powerful mobster, prompting the police to assign a detective to protect her. However, when the married cop begins to fall for his glamorous charge, he faces a conflict of loyalties. Ridley Scott's romantic thriller, starring Tom Berenger. (1987)

Blood Diamond, Friday, BBC1, 11.55pm

THURSDAY
The Vanished Family: Aurora Teagarden Mystery 4, Channel 5, 3.15pm
After an exhaustive house-hunt, crime-solving librarian Aurora finally purchases her dream home. However, as she sets about moving in, she discovers the property has a murky history, one involving the sudden disappearance of previous owners. Mystery drama, starring Candace Cameron Bure. (2016)

FRIDAY
Blood Diamond, BBC1, 11.55pm
Smuggler Danny Archer ends up in prison in war-torn Sierra Leone in 1999, where he meets Solomon, a Mende fisherman separated from his family by guerrillas. Danny pledges to help the desperate man rescue his son, who has been forcibly conscripted as a child soldier, in return for a rare pink diamond. Action thriller, starring Leonardo DiCaprio. (2006)

Famous faces face a test on the waters

Oh to have been a fly on the wall during the meeting to set up this show…

You can imagine it – blown over by the success of Channel 4's Great Canal Journeys featuring married thespians Timothy West and Prunella Scales, not to mention ITV's Barging Round Britain with John Sergeant, those folks at Channel 5 decided they needed to get a piece of the pensionable boat trip action.

Well, you would, wouldn't you?

And if something ain't broke, there's no need to fix it, so the station decided not to tinker with the format too much. As a result they have brought in four famous faces and sent them on their way for an adventure. Hopefully anyway – otherwise it's going to be a slightly dull four-part series.

First into the fray are Debbie McGee and Nigel Havers. She's best known for being the widow of Paul Daniels, and found fame initially as his glamorous assistant (her name tended to be prefaced by the word 'lovely' back in their 1980s heyday); these days she's a star in her own right.

Havers is, of course, that dashing actor who has graced the screen in a number of acclaimed projects, including Chariots of Fire, A Passage to India and Empire of the Sun. He even added a little bit of class to Coronation Street as charming schemer Lewis Archer.

McGee and Havers both have experience of steering boats, so should find their trip a doddle. Unfortunately, that proves to be far from the case…

Their novice neighbours, Lorraine Chase and Simon Callow, struggle too. Chase spent four years as an Emmerdale regular thanks to her role as Steph Forsythe, but is still best known for a string of adverts she made in the 1970s which used her strong cockney accent to their full.

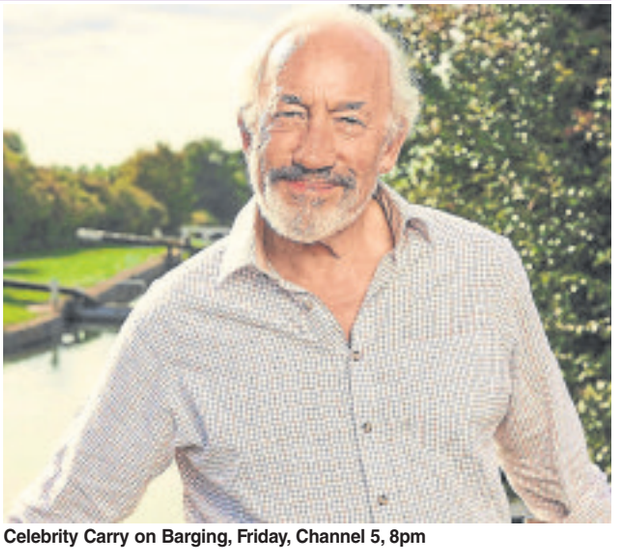
Callow is, of course, an actor of some note, having appeared in numerous acclaimed stage roles, from Shakespeare to Beckett and beyond. He also made a big impact in Four Weddings and a Funeral, and has numerous other film roles to his name. However, he isn't above more lowbrow pursuits – his first TV role was in the Carry On Laughing episode Orgy and Bess, although his part was eventually cut from the finished product.

The opening episode sees the quartet embark on their journey along the Kennet and Avon Canal, one of Britain's most popular waterways. They begin in Bristol, but soon end up in trouble thanks to an altercation with a moored boat.

Debbie tries to raise everyone's spirits by making them taste the fruits of her labours in the galley. However, it's the addition of some alcohol that really gets the party started.

Later, the group encounter a local artist, whose gift of a map opens up a world of canal-side entertainment, and inspires them to visit local vineyards (more booze) and call in on the Avoncliffe singers.

Later episodes will feature a trip down the Llangollen Canal on the border between England and Wales.


Celebrity Carry on Barging, Friday, Channel 5, 8pm

BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY
SAS: Rogue Warriors
BBC2, 9pm
New series. Ben Macintyre uses the SAS archives to examine the history of the British Army special forces unit combining documents, unseen footage and interviews with its founding members to tell the remarkable story behind an extraordinary fighting force. In the first edition, he looks at its formation in the heat of the north African desert in 1941, when eccentric young British army officer David Archibald Stirling had a vision for a new kind of war in which the enemy was attacked from behind their own lines.

TUESDAY
The Moorside
BBC1, 9pm
Drama telling the story of the disappearance of nine-year-old Shannon Matthews from the Moorside Estate in Dewsbury. Emotional public appeals for information from her mother Karen Matthews amount to nothing, and the community, led by Julie Bushby, stand by her and make extraordinary efforts of their own to find Shannon. Despite the support, doubts are beginning to creep in for some regarding Karen's behaviour, and friend and neighbour Natalie Brown struggles with her conscience as she becomes convinced that Karen knows more than she is revealing. Sheridan Smith, Sian Brooke and Gemma Whelan star.

WEDNESDAY
Climbing the Property Ladder
Channel 5, 9pm
With property shows being a firm fixture on telly schedules for years now, it's hardly surprising that more and more people are deciding to turn their hands to the risky - but often rewarding - world of property development. What is a surprise is the range of people whom this lifestyle attracts. This new series follows those attempting to buy, renovate, and sell houses for profit, including everyone from retirees to youngsters, and single mums to office workers. They include Mary, who was recently laid off and has decided to put her redundancy money and life savings into a run-down Yorkshire cottage. She has her eyes on a healthy £25,000 profit, however her project is at risk of turning into a battle of wills with her builder.

No Offence
Channel 4, 9pm
After finding herself suspended from duty, Deering goes rogue in her efforts to nail Nora. Back at the station, Lickberg tries to control the team, as they urgently intensify the manhunt for one of the Attahs' missing victims. Teegan is sent on an undercover operation and an unlikely alliance is agreed between Nora and the team, who wants to stop a Female Genital Mutilation cutter arriving on her patch. Starring Joanna Scanlan, Rakie Ayola, Sarah Solemani and Saira Choudhry.

The Moorside, Tuesday, BBC1, 9pm

THURSDAY
After Brexit: The Battle for Europe
BBC2, 9pm
In the wake of last year's referendum result, Britons on both sides of the Brexit debate have been discussing what leaving the European Union will mean for the UK. However, this documentary looks at the implications for the future of EU itself, which is currently facing the biggest challenge in its 60-year history. As the BBC's Europe Editor Katya Adler points out, it's not just Britain's departure that is making waves – populist eurosceptic movements are on the rise across the continent, leading to the prospect of more countries following the UK's example and voting to leave. As Britain begins the process of withdrawing, Adler asks whether the Union can survive.

FRIDAY
Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast
Channel 4, 8pm
You might think that good friends and good food combine to make a relaxing Friday night, and usually you'd be right. This edition of old pals Jamie Oliver and Jimmy Doherty's culinary series, however, may prove to be contentious – for Jamie is attempting a paella, the very dish which last year saw the chef draw ire on social media from seemingly the entire population of Spain. His inclusion of chorizo proved particularly controversial, so it will be interesting to see whether the spicy sausage makes it into tonight's recipe. He's cooking the the Valencian staple with actor Martin Clunes, but will they defer to the dish's progenitors, or throw caution to the wind and end up as 'men behaving badly'?

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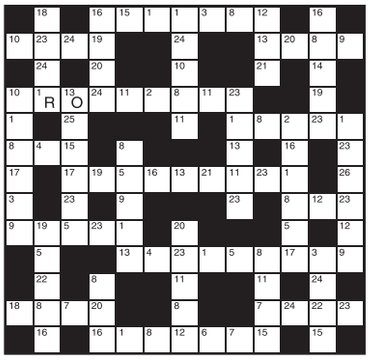

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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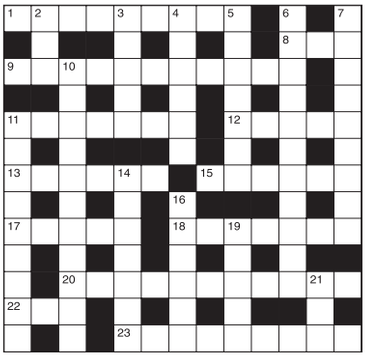
Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.



Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. Great help, perhaps, in rapid communication (9)
8. Eggs swallowed by Croesus (3)
9. New baby for a publisher? (6,5)
11. Army unit is also included in the plan (7)
12. Knowing there's a conflict with the East (5)
13. Journey to the game (6)
15. A time in which love and pride are mingled (6)
17. We hear forty of the Romans do better (5)
18. A noted soporific (7)
20. It swims with the current! (8,3)
22. Listener among the corn (3)
23. Segregate something that may be present (6,3)

Down

2. Are in the ascendant for a while (3)
3. Enjoyment shown in getting us together (5)
4. Foreigners from an isle (6)
5. As he got found out he was taken prisoner (7)
6. Take evasive action, in a manner of speaking (11)
7. This time tomorrow! (9)
10. Merchants who have gone to pot? (11)
11. Mad, being had (9)
14. Take a job over to break the monotony (7)
16. Pastel composition used in the dining room (6)
19. French flower I have knowledge about (5)
21. Work discovered in the study of ergonomics (3)

Quick Clues:

Across

1. Unlike (9)
8. Possess (3)
9. Name (11)
11. Clumsy persons (7)
12. Of them (5)
13. Singe (6)
15. Contort (6)
17. Get to know (5)
18. Simplest (7)
20. Wrongly (11)
22. Self (3)
23. Eye-glasses (9)

Down

2. Freeze (3)
3. Bird of prey (5)
4. Pass (6)
5. Chirp (7)
6. Satisfaction (11)
7. Cross (9)
10. Smothering (11)
11. Divulged (9)
14. Sneering (7)
16. Extreme fear (6)
19. Gloss (5)
21. Permit (3)

Sudoku

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Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 7 Ironed; 8 Evolve; 10 Secular; 11 Nodes; 12 More; 13 Thing; 17 Guise; 18 Wood; 22 Okapi; 23 Repulse; 24 Nectar; 25 Played. Down: 1 Winsome; 2 Concert; 3 Cello; 4 Evening; 5 Slide; 6 Cease; 9 Orchestra; 14 Musical; 15 Volleys; 16 Addenda; 19 Joint; 20 March; 21 Apple.
QUICK - Across: 7 Rooted; 8 Manage; 10 Diction; 11 Craft; 12 Care; 13 Miser; 17 Delay; 18 Hose; 22 Trade; 23 Hateful; 24 Credit; 25 Crisis. Down: 1 Predict; 2 Concern; 3 Tepid; 4 Satchel; 5 Pagan; 6 Jetty; 9 Antipathy; 14 Demerit; 15 Confess; 16 Recluse; 19 Stick; 20 Waver; 21 Story.

Thinking space

Quiz

1. With which country did Israel sign a peace treaty to end 46 years of conflict?
2. Whose poem The Waste Land was first published in 1922?
3. Which US state has the nickname the Hawkeye State?
4. What does the "c" in E=mc squared represent?
5. What name has been given to the former Labour Party HQ?
6. Which group of military leaders takes its name from the Spanish for 'council'?
7. Which member of the Monty Python team appeared in Mary Shelley's Frankenstein in 1994?
8. What is the more common term for harijan, a member of India's lowest caste?
9. What is another name for the mountain ash?
10. Which area of open downland contains Stonehenge?

Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 Ben Travers; 2 Doppler effect; 3 Taunton; 4 Interlaken; 5 Harold II; 6 Louvre; 7 Logarithms; 8 Grapefruit, tangerine and orange; 9 Lactose; 10 Mikhail Sholokhov.

Niner: BARITONES

Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

6249 gives a fabric,
67898 gives a second fabric,
153678 gives a third fabric.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

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Roast beef, with Yorkshire pudding, potatoes plus vegetables

One of the dining rooms at the restaurant/pub

The French Hen, Bromsgrove Road, Clent, near Stourbridge

The pâté was served as a slab with half a toasted baguette

Family matters at The French Hen

WHAT can be better than Sunday lunch with the family – especially when it's all served up in a cosy, traditional pub?

By James Driver-Fisher

The French Hen in Clent had been on our 'to do list' for a while now. The pub has a comfortable bar area, two spacious restaurants and a function room.

Being a Sunday afternoon, the majority of tables were filled with families and their young children, so we fitted right in. We'd never been to the pub/restaurant before but straight away we were hit with the family-friendly feel of the whole place and, after being seated, we were served very promptly by two of the small army of young waitresses.

The French Hen has a specific menu for SundaysThe Sunday selection, served from noon until 5pm, was packed with a great selection.

The menu is also incredibly well-priced with two courses costing £12.95 and three courses £14.95.

We opted to split two starters between my wife Kelly, daughter Annabelle, and myself.

Pâté maison was one we went for, which was a chicken liver pâté enriched with port, brandy and hard herbs, served with fresh bread, petit leaves and house chutney. The other was garlic mushrooms with the button mushrooms sautéed with onions in a creamy white wine and garlic sauce, served with fresh bread. They were ample to say the least.

The pâté was served as a thick slab, with half a toasted baguette. It was really very tasty, rather like the expensive varieties you can buy from the supermarket.

Flavour

There was just a hint of the port and brandy coming through, which gave it a rich flavour and, washed down with a few sips of the Rioja we had ordered, was a lovely way to start the meal. The mushroom dish was very well cooked and presented, with not too much garlic and butter.

Having finished the starters it was not long before we were presented with the mains, which was great timing for us having a young child.

A traditional Sunday dinner was all I had my eyes on so the only decision to make was to either go for the roast topside of beef, served with a Yorkshire pudding, tender leg of lamb, studded with garlic and rosemary, pork with crispy crackling, served with homemade stuffing, or roasted turkey crown or half a roasted chicken.

After deciding my daughter would probably enjoy the child's version of the roast beef – and knowing she probably wouldn't finish it all – I went for the lamb.

All the dinners came with roasted and new potatoes, and a seasonal vegetable medley, which were served in separate dishes.

It was a nice little touch and meant you could add your own rather than being presented with a huge dinner, which can sometimes be off-putting.

The lamb was very tender and the gravy it came served in was thick. All the vegetables had a slight crunch, while the roast potatoes were lovely and crispy.

Eaten with lashings of mint sauce, it was one of the better Sunday roasts I'd had in a while and I can also vouch for the beef being delicious too, after sneaking a mouthful off my daughter's plate. For my own liking, it could possibly have been pinker in the middle.

Kelly fancied trying something a bit different from the roast – and luckily there was a menu offering just that. Tradition still eventually won the day when she chose ham, egg and chips. The hand-carved cooked ham came with peas and it was very nice. Kelly was surprised with the portion size – especially for the price – which was 'huge' and meant she struggled to finish it all.The large portions meant we simply shared an ice cream – well, we watched Annabelle finish off a children's strawberry ice cream – before getting the bill.

There is also an extensive Sunday baguette menu, which is served noon to 5pm in the bar and garden areas, for those who fancy a lighter bite.

Considering we ordered two starters, two mains, a children's meal, dessert and drink, and a bottle of red – the pint was paid for separately – the fact the bill came to a little over £50 shows how reasonably priced the food and drinks were.

Highly recommended, especially for families.

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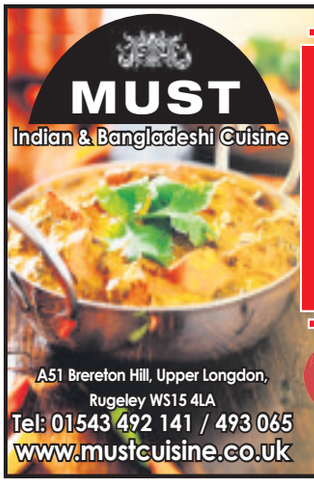
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An even worthier contender in sector

By James Parker

Mazda's Mondeo-rivalling family car has long been regarded as one of the best cars in its class, even if the sales figures have never quite lived up to the reviews. Now, though, the family four-door has been updated to become more refined and even better to drive. It's a tough ask for a car that's already a brilliant drive, but Mazda thinks it has managed it.

This has been achieved, the Japanese brand says, through an updated interior, some vibration damping in the engine and a new torque vectoring system called G-Vectoring Control, or GVC, for short. Torque vectoring is something normally reserved for four-wheel-drive cars, sending the power to each axle as required, but this system is designed to increase grip by subtly braking on turn-in and transferring weight onto the front wheels.

Even those who look closely would be hard pushed to spot the difference between the 2017 Mazda6 and its predecessor – mainly because there are almost no external changes. Both use the same Kodo design language and feature flowing lines, a gaping grille and both look stunning in Mazda's Soul Red Metallic paint.

Inside, there are more noticeable upgrades, such as the new centre console and the updated steering wheel, but otherwise it's a very familiar place to sit.

With unchanged dimensions both inside and out, the Mazda6 is every bit as practical as its predecessor. The saloon boasts 480 litres of boot space, while the estate manages to squeeze 522 litres into its load bay – much

Kodo design language and flowing lines

the same volume as can be found in a Ford Mondeo estate.

The cabin space is equally generous, with plenty of head and legroom for adults in all four of the main seats. The middle perch on the bench seat may be a little less comfortable for journeys of any distance, but it's good enough to carry children on short trips.

Mazda has made much of its refinement improvements with this iteration of the 6, but it's difficult to tell how much of a difference has been made without driving the two cars back-to-back.

It isn't noticeably quieter than its predecessor, and it feels as though reducing the panel gap tolerances was a lot of trouble to go to for no reward, but then the 6 was already at the point of diminishing marginal returns – where each one per cent improvement was going to get harder and harder to come by.

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The introduction of GVC, however, has made a more tangible difference. You can feel the car decelerate slightly as you turn in, pushing weight onto the front wheels. The result is an increase in grip, but it does scrub a little cornering speed, so that may be half the effect.

Even so, the Mazda is still an impressive car to drive, with nicely weighted steering and body control that belies its bulk, and thanks to engineering witchcraft, it's also comfortable, ironing out our pockmarked roads without fuss.

The Mazda6's pricing hasn't changed with the introduction of the 2017 car, so prices still start from £19,995 for the basic saloon and rise to £29,295 for the top-of-the-range estate.

You do, however, get more for your money, with range-topping Sport Nav models getting an enhanced colour head-up display, a heated steering wheel and traffic sign recognition, while mid-range SE-L cars get power-folding mirrors as standard and an autonomous low-speed braking system.

The Mazda6 has undoubtedly benefitted from its maker's modifications, but it's a small margin of improvement. Nevertheless, the changes make it an even worthier contender in this marketplace, appealing to families that want to use their car for long-distance touring every bit as much as the Ford Mondeo and VW Passat.

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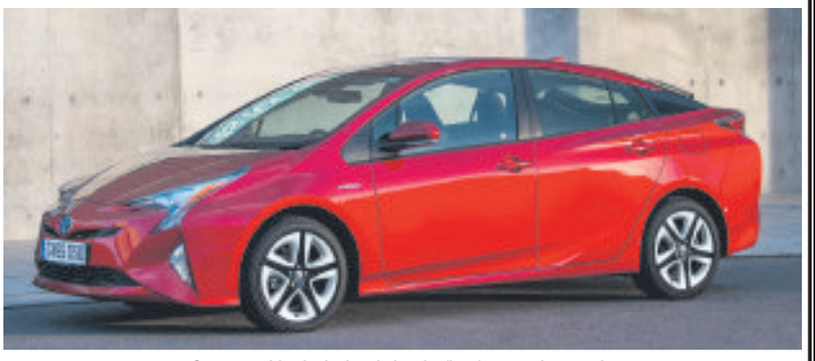

Seven trophies in the bag in just its first few months on sale

The new Toyota Prius has enjoyed great success in the annual awards season, amassing seven trophies and titles during its first few months on sale.

Notably the honours are not limited to environmental performance, but reflect the fourth generation Prius's all-round excellence.

The UK Car of the Year judges set the seal on Prius's winning qualities, naming it Best Family Car – an accolade that qualifies it for a place in the overall car of the year competition at the end of January.

For Carbuyer, the hybrid hatchback saw off all comers in its search for the Best Economical Car, while What Car? considered the Toyota to be the safest model among the market's large family cars.

Prius's advanced driver, passenger and pedestrian protection features and the active systems included in its Toyota Safety Sense package – fitted as standard – also helped it secure the highest scores for a large family car in Euro NCAP's 2016 rigorous, independent test programme.

At the same time as Prius has excelled in these areas – all of them important considerations for customers – it has maintained its reputation as a leader in performance that's kinder to the environment, delivering lower emissions and better fuel economy than any of its predecessors since the original model was launched in Japan 20 years ago.

Its status has been recognised by Auto Express, which handed it its Green Award.

The international Women's World Car of the Year judges also named it Green Car of the Year and Telegraph Cars accorded it the title of Best Eco-Car.

Paul Van der Burgh, Toyota GB president and managing director, said: "The reception for new Prius has been exceptional and we are immensely grateful for the awards the car has received.

"The breadth of success and the comments made by many respected and independent judges demonstrate how Prius is fulfilling our commitment to make ever-better cars."

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The Junior Phil award (for entrants up-to 16) is a visit to Mercedes-Benz World at Brooklands, Surrey for a tutored drive and lunch for yourself and your parents. If you're aged up to 16 and good enough, you could win the lot.

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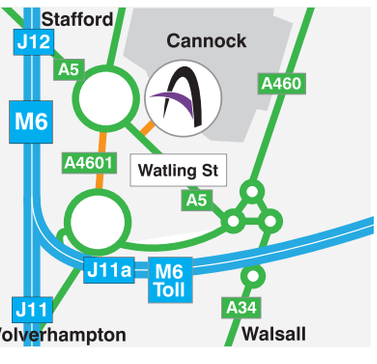

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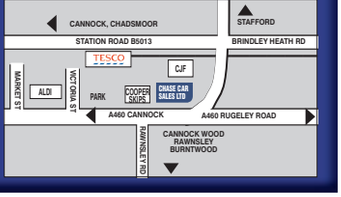

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Vitara offers strong option in compact crossover sector

A youthful and dynamic-looking product

Small SUV-style 'Juke-genre' Crossover models are all the rage just at present. Every mainstream brand, it seems, must have one. Here's Suzuki's offering for customers in this sector, the surprisingly light, lithe and fashionable Vitara.

The Vitara is the kind of youthful, dynamic-looking product that buyers of compact Crossover models seem to want. On paper, it certainly seems to tick all the 'Juke-genre' boxes, with lifestyle looks, trendy cabin technology and superministandards of efficiency. It even claims to be a rewarding steer on twisty tarmac, especially with the 1.4-litre BOOSTERJET 1.4-litre petrol turbo engine that the Japanese brand has added since this car was originally launched. That really would make it different from small Suzuki SUVs of the past. There are familiar touches though: value pricing, high specifications and a 4WD option – something actually relatively unusual in this segment.

The performance-orientated 1.4-litre petrol turbo engine is one of Suzuki's newest units and gives this car a reasonable turn of speed, enabling it to make 62mph in 10.2s en route to 124mph. Otherwise, the mechanicals aren't anything too surprising, shared as they are with the existing SX-4 S-Cross. That means buyers get to choose between either a 1.6-litre petrol engine or a much preferable Fiat-sourced 118bhp 1.6 diesel, both being offered in front or four-wheel drive

It is quite an assured piece of design work

guises.The petrol engine is fitted with a five-speed manual gearbox as standard with an optional CVT transmission also offered. Go diesel and you get a six-speed manual 'box. The short overhangs will help with off-roading but the 185mm ground clearance isn't that generous.

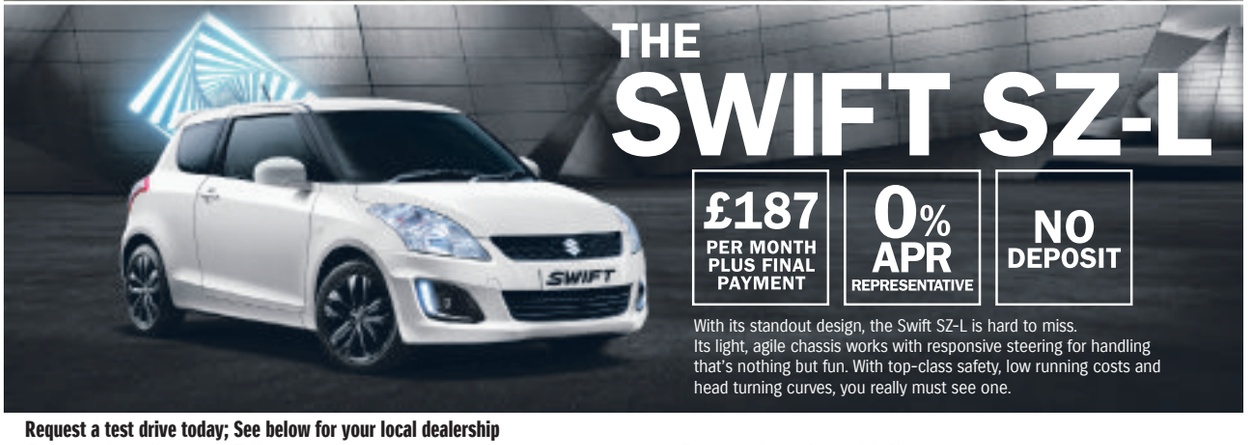
The ALLGRIP four-wheel-drive system is standard with the 1.4-litre petrol turbo and optional with the 1.6-litre variants.

With tight proportions and a front end that has more than a hint of current Land Rover design about it, the Vitara is quite an assured piece of design work. There's also a blacked-out floating glasshouse, heavily sculpted flanks and a very neat taillamp finish. Buyers can also specify a rugged package which adds front and rear skidplates as well as additional body side mouldings.

Suzuki cabins have long been the marque's weak link but this Vitara shows the company pulling its socks up a bit. Okay, so the idea of body-coloured metal across the dash isn't a new one (many of you will recall the Fiat Coupe mining that trend way back in '93) but Suzuki also offers chrome around the gearlever and door trims, plus an analogue clock. It's by no means a large vehicle, breaking the tape at just over four metres long, but still features a features a 375-litre boot.

Prices start at around £14,000 for the entry-level 1.6-litre petrol, but you'll need a £20,000 budget for the petrol ALLGRIP 4WD version. 1.6 DDiS diesel model pricing starts at around £17,000. For the 1.4-litre petrol turbo ALLGRIP model, you'll need around £21,000. All variants get seven airbags, 16-inch alloy wheels, a DAB Radio with USB and Bluetooth connectivity, cruise control with a speed limiter, auto air conditioning, front and rear electric windows and projector headlamps. The SZ-T trim adds 17-inch alloy wheels, rear privacy glass, Smartphone link audio and a navigation system. Moving up to SZ5 adds LED Projector headlights, 17-inch polished alloy wheels, suede seat fabric, keyless entry with start button, Adaptive Cruise Control, Radar Brake Support and a Panaoramic sunroof.

There's a range of personalisation options and two key extra-cost packages. The 'Urban' package consists of fog lamp bezels (chrome-plated), body-side mouldings, and a roof spoiler. The 'Rugged' package delivers front and rear skid plates, fog lamp bezels, body-side mouldings and loading edge protection.



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Kia Rio gets its fourth rejuvenation

For buyers, the supermini category has never been more important. Why? Because modern examples of the breed are now for the first time large enough to function as complete family cars.

Take, for example, the model we're looking at here, Kia's fourth generation Rio. It's as big as a turn of the century Astra or Focus from the Family Hatchback segment, the next pricier class up. More importantly, it's the first really top class supermini the Korean brand has ever brought us.

It's a progression that anyone familiar with Kia will have been expecting. The first two generations of Rio were quite embarrassing but the MK3 model of 2011 was pretty class-competitive. When the wraps came off this fourth generation version in the autumn of 2016 though, it was clear that it was going to be a bit more than that. Here's a car that targets nothing less than the top of the segment in terms of the things that really matter to supermini buyers – styling, running costs and everyday practicality.

The previous generation Rio model didn't advance existing engine technology too much, so it's good to see that Kia has made a bit more effort on this front this time round. Key to the line-up is the down-sized three cylinder 1.0-litre T-GDI petrol unit we first saw on the facelifted MK2 model cee'd family hatch, offered here – as there – with either 98 or 118bhp power outputs, in both cases accompanied by 172Nm of torque. The lightweight nature of this T-GDI powerplant should benefit the Rio's front-end handling, with less mass and inertia for the car to work against under cornering. Less sophisticated

This Rio looks more distinctive

are the 82bhp 1.25 and 90bhp 1.4-litre MPI petrol units, a comment also applicable to the 1.4-litre diesel engine, which produces either 69 or 88bhp. All engines apply power to the front wheels. There's a five-speed manual transmission for the base 1.25-litre petrol unit and the 98bhp 1.0-litre T-GDI powerplant. Otherwise, you get a six-speed manual

This Rio certainly looks more distinctive, the front end characterised by the latest evolution of Kia's 'tigernose' grille, now thinner in height and wider across the front of the car, with a gloss black grille cover.

Inside, the restyled cabin feels more up-market, helped by gloss black trim that lines the central section of a dashboard now more angled towards the driver. At the centre of the fascia is a high-resolution touchscreen. Below, the driver-oriented centre console features fewer buttons, with more ergonomic, concave switches and rotator dials below to control the heating and ventilation. Thanks

The New Rio is the first top class supermini the Korean brand has ever brought ut

to 10mm of extra wheelbase, there's much more space to spread out inside – and more bootspace too, 325-litres of luggage room now on offer, about the same as you get in a Focus, despite the fact that this is a Fiesta-segment model.

Don't expect Rio pricing to change much, so as before, this car will sit in the £11,000 to £18,000 bracket. That might sound a lot but most variants will be sold in the £11,000 to £14,500 bracket, which makes it one of the most affordable Fiesta-sized superminis out

As before, equipment levels are strong. More affordable models get a 'floating' 5.0-inch touchscreen audio system with six speakers. Buyers can also specify a 7.0-inch touchscreen infotainment and navigation system, with Kia Connected Services powered by TomTom, as well as Android Auto and Apple CarPlay for full smartphone integration. This Rio will be the first car in the B-segment to have USB ports in the front and rear of the cabin.As for safety, the Rio will be the first car in the B-segment to feature 'AEB' 'Autonomous Emergency Braking with pedestrian recognition'.

It's easy to see why Kia is one of the fastest growing car makers in the world, doubling its global sales over the last few years thanks to a range of models now seriously troubling the European market's established players. Here's another one that'll add to their concerns, smartly styled and class-leadingly spacious and efficient. As a result, it can now competehead-on with its mainstream rivals and betters many of them.

Latest addition to Ford's luxury spin-off brand

The Vignale makeover has added numerous features to the Kuga's exterior

By Simon Davis

The Kuga Vignale is the fourth car to be released under Ford's new flagship brand, following the Mondeo Vignale, the S-Max Vignale and the new Edge Vignale.

In an attempt to move the C-segment SUV towards the more premium end of the market, Ford has plied the Kuga Vignale with a number of new features, and a higher level of standard equipment – including the latest Sync 3 infotainment system.

There are four engine options available with the new Kuga Vignale – two petrols and two diesels. Ford's 1.5-litre EcoBoost petrol engine can be specified with either 148bhp or 180bhp, while the 2.0-litre TDCi diesel is available with 148bhp or 178bhp. Our test car was fitted with the more powerful diesel unit, which was paired with Ford's Powershift automatic transmission and all-wheel drive.

The Vignale makeover has added numerous features to the Kuga's exterior – including chintzy 19-inch polished alloy wheels, plenty of chrome, and Vignale's signature hexagonal grille.

The Kuga's cabin has also been worked on. The seats have been upholstered in quilted leather, and there's plenty of leather around the dashboard and door panels. In our test car, the seats were finished in Ford's signature Cashmere colour – a sort of light cream shade – which looked very smart indeed. There are still a couple of noticeable cheap plastics that can

Vignale has chintzy 19-inch polished alloy wheels

be seen but on the whole, the Kuga's interior works nicely from an aesthetic point of view.

Comfort-wise, the Kuga Vignale won't give you many reasons to moan. The quilted leather seats are comfortable, although they could provide slightly more lateral support, and offer plenty of adjustability to make finding the correct driving position a breeze.

The Kuga Vignale's five-seat layout offers plenty of room for passengers in both the front and the back. Headspace is plentiful throughout the cabin, and rear passengers won't feel shortchanged when it comes to legroom.

In terms of boot space, the Kuga Vignale manages a decent 406 litres of storage capacity. Folding the rear seats down will extend this to 1,603 litres. As part of the Vignale treatment, Ford has also given the Kuga a hands-free tailgate. By simply waving your foot under the rear bumper, the boot will pop open – provided you have the car keys in your pocket.

Dynamically, the Kuga offers a rather pleasing drive. Sure, it's not the most exciting driving experience in the world, but it has plenty of grip through the corners and the steering is well weighted and provides a good amount of feedback. It rides in a comfortable manner thanks to a softer suspension set-up, although this does give way to a noticeable amount of body roll when cornering enthusiastically.

Out on the motorway, the Kuga Vignale makes for a rather fantastic mile cruncher. Road and wind noise aren't terribly intrusive, and the 2.0-litre diesel engine accelerates smoothly and fairly quietly. As mentioned earlier, the cabin is an incredibly comfortable place to be, which means covering long distances in the Kuga is a far from exhausting experience.

While the Kuga isn't exactly a small car, its size shouldn't prove to be too much of a problem when it comes to driving in an urban environment. Thanks to decent visibility out of the cabin and the addition of Ford's Perpendicular Parking system – which actually parks the car for you – you should never have too much trouble fitting the Kuga into a space.

Prices for the Kuga Vignale begin at £30,795 – which is fairly pricey for a C-segment SUV adorned with the Blue Oval. That said though, you do get a large amount of kit for your money. Ford throws in its new Sync 3 infotainment system as standard, which incorporates satellite navigation, Apple Car Play and Android Auto, DAB radio, and Bluetooth connectivity to name a few features. You can also give the system voice commands such as "I need petrol" to inform the navigation to direct you to the closest petrol station.

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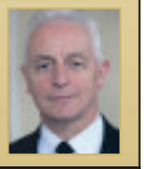

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INFORMATION

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Jane

(Jean)

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Loving Wife of the late Dennis Dunn, she will be greatly missed by Daughters Sheena and Rona, Grandchildren, Family and Friends.

The Funeral Service will take place at Sutton Coldfield Crematorium, at 2pm on Thursday, February 9, 2017.

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Tony

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Of Cannock.

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Vera

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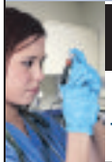

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The teenager with bowling coach Kevin Lyons from Glamorgan

Cricket prospect aims to have batsmen in a spin

A CRICKETING prospect from Walsall is spinning his way to India after landing a scholarship experience – and will bring his talent to the Birmingham League next season.

Anaesh Patel is one of just three nationwide winners who will be jetting over to Asia in March after success in the Southall Travel Spin Scholarship scheme.

The competition, held for promising spinners between the ages of 18 and 21 and not contracted to a First Class county outfit, was held at the Leicestershire CCC Indoor Cricket Centre.

And talented 21-year-old Patel, who got into the sport as a youngster with the help of a 'cricket-crazy' father, wants to make a splash in India before returning and unleashing his skills on the local scene.

Settled

The young hopeful has featured for a host of local sides in his junior years, cutting his teeth with Wolverhampton, Walsall, West Bromwich Dartmouth, Staffordshire under-13s and Worcestershire under-17s.

As an 18-year-old he left for Cardiff to study mathematics at university, where he featured for Cardiff Cricket Club in the South Wales Premier League.

Now studying risk management in Leicestershire and commuting from home, Patel is settled and ready to return to the West Midland's scene for the 2017 season – after he enjoys an all-expenses paid week-long spin scholarship in Mumbai.

On winning the event – sponsored by Southall Travels and Club Cricket Conference – Patel said: "I am over the moon to have won the award especially as it was a national competition.

SPORTING FEATURE

By Lewis Cox

"It's important to spin the ball and make the batsman drive and also to have confidence in your bowling."

"I am really looking forward to visiting India and gaining further experience on sub-continent pitches. I would like to thank to my bowling coach Kevin Lyons (Glamorgan CCC) and batting coach Ron Headley for the many hours they have spent developing my bowling and batting skills.

"It goes without saying that without the support of my parents this victory would not have been possible."

As well as mixing it with the likes of experienced coach Lyons in Wales and former West Indies star Headley (Worcestershire batting coach), Patel has been able to rub shoulders with the likes of New Zealand Test players Tom Latham and Ross Taylor and West Indian great fast bowler Michael Holding.

Headley arranged the surprise visit of legendary paceman Holding, nicknamed 'Whispering Death', after Patel and his young team-mates had been wowed by the 2010 film 'Fire in Babylon' – an ode to when West Indies dominated world cricket.

He was also invited to pit his wits against the Black Caps stars, with Patel bowling at Latham, Taylor and co in a star-studded net session.

Patel's dad Naresh, a Level 2 ECB qualified cricket coach, explained how his son would become transfixed with the game at an early age – watching stars on the television and trying to recreate scenes in the house, much to the annoyance of his wife.

"We never pushed him but he was always into it and enjoyed it," said Naresh.

"He's worked hard in everything he has done and cricket is the same.

Surreal

"We're already looking for a local team for Anaesh to play with next season after the trip to Mumbai. It will be his first time out there and to go on a scholarship there will be amazing for him."

Anaesh hopes to still make the grade in professional cricket, citing his risk management degree as an option to fall back on.

"Initially I wanted to be a batsman, but soon noticed that I could turn the ball so I was encouraged to bowl leg spin and have never looked back," said the youngster.

"I really couldn't believe it that I had won. It was totally surreal and I am really looking forward to going to India.

"I think it's important to spin the ball and always make the batsman drive and also to have confidence in your bowling and skill levels."

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Sport

Young cricketing scholar aims to bowl them over

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Minall hits a triple in crazy 13-goal game

IN their final weekend before the league restarts with a trip to Bowdon this weekend, Cannock Men's 1sts played a double header, losing to Brooklands 6-0 and drawing 3-3 with Deeside Ramblers after taking a 3-1 lead.

Cannock seconds took the points by the odd goal in 13 in a crazy game at West Bridgford seconds, winning 7-6.

Tom Minall scored a hat-trick with goals from Gardner, Ollie Southall, Luke Davis and Jordan Joiner.

Tom Parker scored twice for the seconds in Sunday's game at Nottingham University, but the opposition were ruthless and dispatched Cannock 10-2.

Cannock thirds finally returned to league action after a prolonged Christmas break and won at home to Edgbaston 3rds. Callum Warren's strike was cancelled out, but Ben Hampton, Ed Martin and Danny Swinnerton all scored before Martin saw green.

Cannock 4ths fought back from two down against Beeston 5ths to level through Gurpal Mann and Dave Wigg, but a late goal condemned them to defeat.

The fifth team extended their winning run to four games thanks to goals from James Roberts (2) Paul Martin and Johnny Machin in a 4-1 victory over North Staffs 4ths.

Cannock Badgers went down 2-0 to their Burton counterparts, while the under-16 boys took part in the national finals at Aldersley Village, Wolverhampton.

They let a 4-2 lead slip in their opener against Bowdon to draw 4-4.

A 2-0 win over Old Loughtonians followed, before a disappointing 2-1 defeat at Ashmoor.

For the final match, Cannock needed to win by three goals to make the semi-finals, but could only draw 2-2. Surbiton were the eventual winners.

Scholars are put on spot just days after shoot-out success

Spalding United 2 Chasetown 1

TWO penalties saw Spalding beat Chasetown for the first time ever in a league fixture and claim the Evo-Stik Division One South points.

Chasetown drew first blood just before the half-hour mark through Josh Ruff.

Spalding levelled in the 37th minute through a Lee Beeson penalty after Leon Mettam was sent tumbling by Liam Holt.

The hosts were awarded a second penalty in the 70th minute after Mike Williams tripped Jordan Lemon and Beeson converted his second spot-kick.

Chasetown were reduced to 10 men after Mitch Piggon picked up a second yellow card for dissent.

Penalties were needed for Chasetown to see off a spirited Walsall Senior Cup challenge from Sporting Khalsa – after surrendering a three-goal lead.

The Scholars were 3-0 at half-time up thanks to Jack Langston, Peter Till and Ryan Wynter. Khalsa roared back with a Brad Lawley penalty, then two late goals took the tie to spot-kicks.

Khalsa lost out when keeper Tom Turner missed the decisive penalty.

Coni Mae become one of the best

Martial arts

A CANNOCK girl has the Olympics in her sights after becoming the youngest ever English title holder.

Coni Mae Cartwright, a member of Ryu Shotokan, based in Cannock and Stafford, headed to the EKF (English Karate Federation) National Championships in Sheffield after 12 months of success that saw her claim 13 medals, including six golds.

The nine-year-old is already ranked second in Britain for her category and in the female kata discipline she took a clean sweep winning each round by the optimum margin of 3 to 0.

She is looking to emulate that success throughout 2017 and become number one in Britain. Coni Mae grabbed the attention of the England Kata coach Jonathan Mottram who said: "She is a great little talent and she has been taught very well. She is definitely one that I will be keeping my eye on and one for England's future."

Coni Mae has been shortlisted for the Stafford Borough Sport Awards in the under-18 female sport performer category in March.

Her coach Mike Carr, the current Stafford borough coach of the year has been shortlisted for the award again. He recognised her talents early on and has high hopes she can move on to bigger and better things.

He said: "I noticed that Coni Mae had a natural flair for karate and I had early hopes and expectations that she was going to be a real talent. This little girl can achieve anything she sets her mind to, she works hard in training and takes on all the extra sessions that she can around school.

"I always knew her potential and have tried to nourish that potential since day one."

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LATE BLOW TO PITMEN HOPES

Corby Town 3 Hednesford Town 2

HEDNESFORD Town suffered a late defeat to relegation threatened Corby Town, despite having twice come from behind.

The Pitmen made the worst possible start to the Evo-Stik Premier clash as they went behind in just the third minute. A ball into the box was misjudged leaving Stefan Moore with a simple chance to fire past keeper Dan Crane.

Paul Casey's side grew in confidence with Jamie Sheldon seeing a shot saved. Crane did keep his side just one behind, however, as he denied former Pitmen player Phil Trainer.

The visitors levelled in the 26th minute when Iwan Cartwright picked up a loose ball on the right and his cross was headed home by Vinny Mukendi, his fourth goal in four matches since his arrival at the club.

All the hard work was undone just seven minutes later when a long ball wasn't dealt with and Moore nipped in to lob the ball over Crane.

Undone

Hednesford missed a big chance on the stroke of half-time when Sheldon skewed an effort over.

The Pitmen didn't have long to wait in the second half until they were level, though, as Remeao Hutton fed Tom Thorley to finish from 12 yards.

But the visitors were undone with five minutes remaining when Aaron Brown head home the winner from a corner.

The club have confirmed this week that striker Jamie Matthews has departed Keys Park.

The frontman arrived at the club just a week ahead of the start of the current campaign, but due to a registration hold-up he didn't make his debut until two weeks into the season. He scored three goals in Pitmen colours.

Vinny Mukendi, however, has signed a contract until the end of the current campaign.

Manager Casey has also moved to strengthen midfield with the signing of Jordan Fitzpatrick from Rushall Olympic.

Born in Stourbridge, Fitzpatrick began his career with Wolves before moving to Hereford United in September 2006. Spells at Bromsgrove Rovers, Worcester City, Corby Town, Redditch United and The Pics followed.

The Pitmen entertain Barwell in the league on Saturday, kick off 3pm.

Brothers in twin attack on glory

Matt Wigley on the Kawasaki ZX10R he will be riding in the British Superstock 1000 series

RACING brothers the Wigleys will take steps in opposite directions from their usual twin-pronged attack this year.

The two have decided to battle it out in different formats, with Kurt back racing in the British Superstock 600 championship, on his Yamaha R6, while Matt steps up an engine size to try his hand at the British Superstock 1000.

Generous sponsors, Kevin from Langley Industries and Steve, from Chase Accident Repairs stepped in to buy a new Kawasaki ZX10R.

The 20-year-old Hednesford twins have also welcomed a new partner on board with Omega Scaffold, based in Bilston, agreeing to sponsor their 2017 campaigns, while sorrymate.com has confirmed it will continue title sponsorship. Kurt said: "It is going to be a tough year especially with both of us moving up into higher championships."

Matt and Kurt troubled the British Superstock 600 front-runners on numerous occasions last year but also dealt with several big crashes. Kurt got on the podium twice and ended the season eighth in the superstock. Matt battled back from a broken arm to finish 20th in the series.

Both spent the winter training and riding motocross bikes in preparation for 2017 but Kurt said his brother's aim was to 'simply get his head around the new 1000cc bike.

Double done and home run ended

Burntwood 12 Cleobury Mortimer 17

BURNTWOOD surrendered their unbeaten home league record along with second place in the table to Cleobury Mortimer.

The Shropshire side completed the double over Sean Latham's outfit, the only team which will be able to do so this season.

After a closely fought contest the sides shared four tries. The hosts led 12-10 at the break but Cleobury edged home with the only scores of the second half, a converted try on 59 minutes.

As the game began, so did the rain which didn't help either side, particularly Burntwood who were guilty of a variety of errors.

The visitors had the better of the opening 15 minutes and took the lead with a penalty.

Burntwood's Rob Jones touched down in corner, but a converted try gave the visitors a 10-5 lead.

Luke Rookyard stretched through a pile of bodies to score a try converted by Sam Lloyd. Burntwood then had chances to increase their lead. But the crucial score came when a Cleobury forward squeezed over in the corner. A fine conversion took them five points clear.

Try as they might to come back, Burntwood committed too many handling errors to make real headway. The nearest either side came to changing the scoreline were two penalty kicks at goal by Cleobury. Both were unsuccessful so Burntwood could console themselves with gaining a losing bonus point.

The Second XV played a friendly away to Barton-under- Needwood and lost out to a strong home line-up.

There is no league game this Saturday for Burntwood, but the seconds face Walsall 3rds away and the third travel to St Leonards 2nds.

Funds help to pay for disabled shelter

HEDNESFORD Town Supporters' Association has been given a cash boost to help disabled fans of the club.

Hednesford Town Council handed over £200 in grant aid towards the purchase of a shelter for disabled supporters at Keys Park.

Supporters' Association representative Steve Williams collected the cheque from Councillor Derek Davis.

Association chairman Scott Smith said: "We're very grateful to have the support of the local council and to receive such a very generous donation."

A further £150 was raised for the project from a quiz night at Keys Park.

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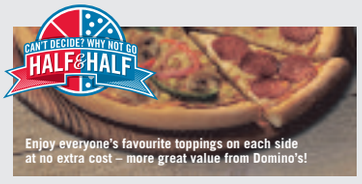

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Sicilia((Chicken breast strips††, cajun seasoning, cherry peppers & red onions	15.99	17.99
Roma V((Goats cheese, cherry peppers & red onions, served with fresh rocket leaves for you to top		
Verona Prosciutto ham & chicken breast strips††, served with fresh rocket leaves for you to top		

FREE CHILLI OIL
15ml bottle with all Italiano pizzas

ITALIANO SIDES

Tomato & Mozzarella Salad V GF — 4.99
Mixed red and green leaves, spinach, rocket, plum and SunBlush® marinated tomatoes and Mozzarella pearls with an Italian dressing

Italiano Garlic Bread V — 4.49
Italian 11.5" thin base with garlic & 100% Italiano mozzarella cheese – made for sharing

Rocket 15g tub V GF — 1.49
A tub of fresh ready to eat rocket leaves

ITALIANO DESSERTS

Sicilian Lemon Cheesecake V — 3.99
Creamy cheesecake on a biscuit base topped with a Sicilian lemon glaze

Tiramisu V
Sponge fingers soaked in Marsala wine & coffee, layered with Mascarpone cream & dusted with cocoa powder

Winter Survival Deal Offer cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer. Create your own is available up to a maximum of 4 toppings. Premium crusts, bases and additional toppings may be charged as extra. Collection or delivery, but delivery areas and minimum delivery spends may apply, please ask in store for details. Participating stores only. Ends 12th February 2017. For full T&Cs see Competitions and Offers at Boring Legal Stuff at dominos.co.uk

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